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# Troops will be allowed to use force

BY PHILLP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR AND MICHAEL BYANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH troops sent to Zaire to ease the plight of more than will be able to shoot their way out of trouble if they are intercepted by the Hutu militias, MPs were told yesterday.

Amid fears that the death roll could rise to 20,000 a day in Zairean refugee camps by next week, Michael Portillo. the Defence Secretary, told the Commons that if the objective was to reach the starving and f people stood in the way then those people must be prepared to face the conse-

pences of their action."
The 1st Battalion Parachute legiment and 45 Commundo Royal Marines, the lead elenents of the new Joint Rapid Denloyment Force, were put on 72 hours' notice to leave for

fighting against Hutu militia in eastern Zaire yesterday, Mr. Portillo admitted in the Commons that he had reservations about sending troops to the central African war zone.

Triday a 37-strong recon-naissance party, led by Royal Marines Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, commander of the Joint Rapid Deployment Force, will leave from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire to carry out a three-day survey to help define the size of Britain's

contribution. However, Mr Portillo indicated that it was likely to be a battalion (about 600) with additional support units, including engineers, signals and medical teams, increasing the size of the force to between 1.000 and 1,500, or even more if the recommissance party

urges a larger contingent.

Mr Porello said the most important factor would be to ensure they were "sufficiently well equipped and armed and there in sufficient manifers to be able to look after themostype and in attle to do a cond selves and be able to do a good job in saving human life"

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directive on hours implies a return to Dickensian times. Jacques Santer said .... Page 2

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Mastermind, the television

quiz show that has been

running for 25 years, is to end

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His assurance that the I'm knitting a troops would be adequately mosquito net" armed to defend themselves



Portille four-month limit on British tour

Prime Minister told MPs that Britain, along with other Western governments, had a setion to try to alleviate the suffering.

Facing strong misgivings servative MPs, as well as ary advisers, Mr Portillo aid it would be rightly asked involved in a place far from home and where there was no vital national interest.

The answer was because Britain was a civilised nation, he said. We can see people about to die in their thousands, and we are one of the few nations on earth who have the military capability to help at least some of them," he told

He said the mission of the international force would be limited to about four months; after which the operation



"These aren't socks

Mr Portillo said he had an open mind about whether the mission should include disarming the militia, admitting we leave in four months and the militia is still

He added: There isn't person in this House who isn't worried and who doesn't have reservations. This is a worrying situation and one must have reservations about what we're getting into here, but the compelling case for getting assistance to these people who are about to starve is what is

John Major told the Com-mons that the situation on the ground was complex, the terrain was very tough and there was no clear ceasefire between Tutsi rebels and their Hutu

"So before sending British troops we need to be absolutear about what they are being asked to do in detail and the conditions under which

they will operate," he said.

The multinational force will he operating under Chapter 7 of the United Nations charter which provides more "robust" rules of engagement for peace enforcement, allowing them to do more to protect themselves and to secure the mission. The Royal Marine comman-

dos have armoured tracked BV206 vehicles but the paratroopers are only lightly armed. However, the Joint Rapid Deployment Force which consists of 5 Airborne Brigade and 3 Commando Brigade, also has the use of armoured Scimitars equipped with 30mm cannon.

In the Lords, Earl Howe, a junior Defence Minister, said the multinational force could be ready to move to Zaire within a week or two, although he conceded this could be over-optimistic.

Earl Howe said: "It's not part of our objective to be sucked into someone else's

Matthew Parris, page 2 Zaire in crisis, pages 14-17 Leading article and letters, page 21



Refugees from disease and battle arrive in the port of Goma. Tens of thousands of people are fleeing the fighting between Tutsis and Hutus

### The horror that will lead to broken hearts

THE eyes were swollen like ping-pong balls. The skin was peeling away around them. By the waves of Lake Kivu I stared down at a bearded man of about 35. He had been garrotted, a rope dug into the flesh of his neck, his head bashed in, his arms tied behind his back, his legs folded and stuffed into a sack.

The hardest hearts of paratroopers can be broken by the satanic violence of the Great Lakes region's cheerful and friendly people. The only thing systematic here is that violence - and the spread of disease. British troops will be struck dumb by the beauty of the Great Lakes. Then the sickness will strike them down. Then they will leave, thinking of the Nyarogongo volcano beside Goma not as a natural wonder, but as a

face of Africa. The weather is not so much oppressive as designed to break the body. One moment it is searing heat, the next driving rain. Cholera, cerebral malaria and dysentery and a host of unknown infections like the one in my eyes, are endemic here. When British soldiers are sent into the Hutu

hideous propical ulcer on the



Sam Kiley, reporting from Goma, assesses the grim conditions awaiting British troops in a beautiful region scarred by satanic violence

camps they will have to wear face masks. If cholera has broken out they will have to steel themselves to the sight of more corpses than they have ever seen before, of living children sitting on dead mothers, of mothers tossing their dead toddlers into ditches like

Our poor soldiers will have a United Nations mandate which, I can safely predict, will be weak and muddled. A real role would be to go into the Hutu camps to separate the Interahamwe - those who kill together - from Hutu civilians. The guilty monsters here are those who, not satisfied with the genocide of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994, now hold their own families hostage and kill anyone who shows an inclination to go home. But British soldiers will

be asked by the UN to drive

food and fresh water into the

camps, to give succour to

Dons defend their

seven-week term

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

Hutu extremists who will live

The paras will laugh when they meet the Mai Mai. These tribesmen, in monkey skins and coated with white paint, wave their penises at their enemies and think they are bullet proof. They have joined east Zaire's rebels and have blocked the Hurus of Mugunga camp from fleeing

deeper into Zaire. British soldiers will be impressed by the rebels' front line units. Former members of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front these are iron disciplined troops who drove the Internhamwe out of Rwanda and are now hunting

them down in Zaire. British officers who meet Hutu leaders will be impressed with their sophistication. Multilingual graduates with a genius for administration do not come across as genocidal madmen. But that is

shame that the back-

woodsmen in the colleges did

not listen to the university

authorities. Students desper-

ately need a revision week: on

some courses they have less

than 48 hours between their

last lecture and the first

insisted that academics were

anxious that nothing should

delay their summer migration

to holiday villas in Tuscany.

Cambridge's academic year is

23 weeks, compared with 30 in

cept three eight-week terms,

the university council said

undergraduates had to work

under "exceptional pressure"

because the year was com-

pressed into a shorter period

than at almost any other

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In urging academics to ac-

most British universities.

Cynical students have long

examination."

what many of them are. Our officers will not know whether their own translators have blood on their hands or, by some slim chance, are among the innocent.

"Aren't some of these people killers, boss?" the officers will be asked. "Not all of them Corporal Jones. Now carry on handing out the biscuits." will

be the reply. Both men will be left asking why. The reason why is that when the Hutus fled Rwanda in 1994 Britain and other leading countries turned a deaf ear to the UN's case for a military force to police the camps and disarm the killers.

Instead EL5 million was spent fattening them up in refugee camps the size of Eastbourne. The herrors now unfolding were predicted then and are coming to pass. The misery of millions could

have been avoided if the UN had sent soldiers to Rwanda to stop an obvious genocide and later sorted the guilty from the innocent when the Hutus fled to Goma the same year. Military intervention now is a crazy idea. East Zaire's rebels should be left to sort out the refugees.

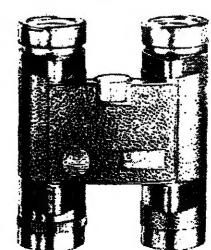
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### Major calms fears over freak inflation

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND JANET BUSH

JOHN MAJOR tried to disnuss Conservative worries over inflation yesterday by insisting that an unexpected surge last month; taking the headline rate from 21 to 27 per cent, was a statistical The increase seems certain

to put pressure on Kenneth Clarke to increase interest rates again next month. It also raised questions over

the Charceller's ability to hit his inflation target of 2.5 per cent by the general election. due before mid-May next

But, during a Commons dash with Tony Blair, the Prime Minister said that the year-on-year figure for last mouth looked "artificially high because in October 1995 there had been an exceptional

one-mouth fall: He added that over the months ahead the position

would be corrected and assured MPs: "We expect to meet our target."

The Labour leader told Mr Major that on interest rates and inflation Britain was now eleventh out of 15 in Europe. Yesterday's figures put the underlying rate of inflation.

excluding mortgage interest payments, at 3.3 per cent, a rise from 2.9 per cent. That is the highest rate for three years and the largest rise in the annual rate for more

than six years. Nevertheless, the City was disappointed and believed the Bank of England will have strong ammunition to try to force the Chancellor into another rate rise at the next monetary policy meeting - on December !!.

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### Poll shows most oppose basic tax cut

By PETER RIDDELL

A MAJORITY of the public, including Tory supporters and the better-off, believe that Kenneth Clarke should not cut the basic rate of income tax in the Budget on November 26, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll; undertaken last weekend, suggests that Mr Clarke's campaign to lower expectations about the Budget has worked. His own approval rating is also the highest of his period as Chancellor.

Half the public opposes a lp reduction in the basic rate in the Budget, while less than two-fifths favour a cut. Opposition to a tax cut is highest among the better-off.

The only groups backing a tax cut in the Budget are those at the bottom end of the income scale.

CAMBRIDGE dons were accused of putting Tuscany before trigonometry last night, when they decisively rejected a proposal to add a week to the university's famously short summer term.

The university council had recommended an extension of the seven-week term to give students more time for revision before examinations. Opponents argued that academics would lose research time and colleges valuable conference income if the change went ahead. When the votes were count-

ed after a two-week campaign. little more than half the academic and senior administrative staff had taken part in the ballot. But the verdict was a clear endorsement of the status quo, by 983 votes to 630. Neil McInnes, the academic

affairs officer of the students' Renewed faith, page 12 | union, said: "It is a great

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# Commander Portillo shows gallantry under fire

more impressive than when we are not trying to impress. Getting on with his job, a Minister is more likely to appear promotable than when noisily angling for another one.

Michael Portillo came to the House yesterday to make a statement on his plans for British military assistance in Zaire. He spoke with quiet authority and answered questions, some very sharp, with conspicuous competence.

His statement, unpretenstature which his party confer-

BRITISH resistance to an EU

directive on working hours

suggests a return to the swear-

shops of Dickensian times,

Jacques Santer, president of

the EU Commission, said

However, Mr Santer's liter-

ary gibe at Britain's fight

against the 48-hour directive

was undermined by a report

yesterday from his own execu-

rive that blamed heavy labour

regulation for contributing to

Europe's high level of unem-

Brussels' anger over

London's latest feud with the

EU shone through a speech in

unusually sharp dig at Britain both over the working time directive and its handling of

the BSE affair. The row erupt-

ed on Tuesday when the European Court of Justice

rejected Britain's challenge to

the directive, which enforces a

maximum 48-hour week and

minimum paid holidays, and

the Government promised a

campaign for a treaty change

whether "those who seem to

say the less social regulation.

the better it is for competitivity

mean no regulation at all".

He added: "We need more

flexible labour markets but

not a return to the Dickensian

seldom the heart.

Santer questioned

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vesterday.

In response to doubt or inquiry from his own side. Mr Portillo's poise and grasp were nutable. His workmanlike performance yesterday reminded us of his talents. and demonstrated how impressive he can be, when not playing leadership games. The less Portillo pushes himself forward, the more he recommends himself.

Michael Stephen (C. Shoreham), confident that the British Tommy could deal with anything the Hutu militia might throw at him, did tiously well-written, carried a not quite say that these fuzzywuzzies were sure to scarper ence bombast never attains, at the first whilf of grapeshor,

sweat shops of the 19th

This week Mr Santer reject-

ed John Major's complaints

and told Britain to enact the

legislation by the November

23 deadline. His resort to

Dickens echoed commentary

around Europe this week after

a court verdict hailed as a

blow for "the European Social model" against the evils of

unfettered capitalism. Dick-

ens is a standard reference for

Victorian misery on the Conti-

nent, where his novels are still

taught in schools. Mr Santer

LORD TEBBIT gave a warn-

ing to John Major fast night

that a move towards mone-

tary union would destroy the

In his most scathing criti-

cism of the stance on the single currency, the former party chairman told the

Prime Minister he must

make opposition to it a key

election issue to prevent Brit-

vincial assembly" of Europe.

"An attempt by a Conserva-

servative Party.

Dickensian times evoked in 48-hour week row

Santer turns on Britain

with sweatshop era gibe

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

**EMU** moves will destroy

Tory party, says Tebbit

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COMPAQ COMPUTERS.



but that was the implication. don't 'ave bows in arrows these days, you know." growled Dennis Skinner (Lab. Bolsover).

Mr Stephen's implied opinion of the Zaire catastrophe (sure of support in the saloon bar of the Royal Coach in Shoreham) was that, having kicked out their colonial masters. Africans had this sort of thing coming. That'll teach em. Replying to the former

did not cite Britain by name in

his speech to an assembly of

retailers, but there was no

The former Luxembourg

Prime Minister also talked of

"the recent BSE tragedy" He

said: "I regret that not all our

member states have acted

with the goodwill we have -

gnawing at political point-

scoring instead of admitting

their basic responsibility. The

European Commission did not create BSE. Nor the BSE

Europe's quandary over its

this country into a monetary

union ... would not just split

the current Conservative Par-

ty. It would destroy it." Tories who "believe freedom. inde-

pendence and democracy

matter above all other polit

ical programmes" would

leave to join other parties, he

night after blocking moves

for a Commons debate on

plans for a single currency.

criticism

Ministers came

doubt about his target.

guards officer, Portillo remembered the Parliamentary courtesies, calling Stephen My Honourable and Gallant Friend\*. Canny.

John Townend (C. Bridlington) has the generous charm of a Yorkshire gravelpit owner. He wanted assurances that the cost of the Zaire operation would be deducted from our regular overseas aid budget rather than the contin-

attempts to preserve "social

protection" for workers was

eloquently demonstrated by

the publication of an internal

Commission report on Eu-

rope's struggle to compete

The Commission's Social

Affairs chief. Padraig Flynn.

won a battle last week to have

the industry directorate dilute

a section of the study paper dealing with the negative ef-

fects of Europe's heavily regu-

lated economy. However, the

that "member states with

more regulated labour mar-

kets have somewhat lower

levels of employment than

countries with less regulated

The paper cited Europe's well-known burden of high

labour costs compared with its

main competitors but it skated

around the working-time ar-

gument, Although Europeans

worked far shorter hours than

Japanese or Americans, this

was not "important" in caus-

ing inflexibility. Europe's

problem stemmed from obsta-

cles to work at night and

weekends, which meant that

factories were underused and

many shops and services were

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Townend & Sons - winemerchants and hoteliers) a million people dying in the African forest is not a contingency. Catastrophe would be a Budget hike in excise duties on alcohol next week.

At Prime Minister's Questions beforehand, onlookers had noted that John Major seems to be on some kind of a roll. In cold print in Hansard today his words may appear to carry no more confidence than usual; but to take in the atmosphere in the Chamber has been to note that, all week. the Force has been with him. So relaxed was Major in his

(a director of J replies, that he did something I have never heard him do in six years of PM's Questions: he laughed spontaneously during a reply to Paddy Ashdown That's just ... bizarre!" he said. "Just off the wall! This delighted Major's side, who observe his idiom travelling steadily forward from the 1960s and now well

within sight of the 1980s. Frustrated at the way Labour's arrows seemed to be bouncing off the Prime Minister's tin helmet. Tony Blair took to raising a single, extended forefinger above his head, and waving it like a Heilfire preacher as he rantShaw (Dover), raised both his forefingers in mockery. speing the Labour Leader. Mr Shaw plays, by turns,

the naughtiest boy in the school and the classroom sneak. Both versions infuriate Madam Speaker, in whose eyes he risks becoming the child who has only to speak to get right up Teacher's nose. This barracking has got to stop, cried an infurated Betty Boothroyd. The day cannot be far off when Miss Boothroyd abandons her familiar homily and, in the manner of Joyce Grenfell, icily declares: "David! Stop doing that."

### Camelot defends £7m held

HENSIN BRIEF

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, yesterday defended its decision to retain £7 million in interest on prizes, amid continuing criticism of Peter Davis, the lottery regulator. MPs reiterated calls for Camelot's accounts to be thrown open for

in interest

The company said it paid over 48 per cent of lottery funds in prizes last year against a payout target of 50.65 per cent. After tax this left it holding £2.9 million in interest. It argued that it retained interest because it had to pay up out of its own packet if prize payout exceeded its targets. Leading article, page 21

### Royal assistant

The Prince of Wales has appointed a new personal assistant to arrange his diary of unofficial engagements, including holidays. Phyllida Dare, 53, who is married with three grown-up children, will share her duties with Tiggy Legge-Bourke, 30, the

### Gun decision

John Major told parents of ing a 40-minute meeting that he will not bow to their demands for a free vote by MPs on a total ban on handguns. He made it clear that Tory MPs would be expected to follow the government line in next week's vote on proposals to ban most handguns.

### Artist's progress

William Blake's drawings for The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan were acquired by an anonymous British collector at Socheby's in London yesterday. The 28 watercolours were bought for an undisclosed price after auction bidding stopped at £210,000. The pre-sale esti-mate was about £260,000.

### Dean's victory

The Dean of Lincoln, the won another victory yester day when a judge rejected an attempt by Verity Freestone. the former verger, to sue him for damages. Miss Freestone, 33, brought the civil action against Dr Jackson, 61, after alleging that he had an affair with her.

### Club cleared

The National Sporting Club has received apologies from Scotland Yard and the Football Association over suspi-cions of ticket touting in the run-up to Euro 96. Two people were arrested in a raid on its headquarters but the club said that it had been authorised to sell hospitality packages.

### Eyes on history

A pair of Zeiss marine binoculars, a souvenir from the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939, were sold at auction in London for £25,300 to an anonymous 😩 buyer. Hans Langsdorff, captain of the Admiral Graf Spee, used them to pay for repairs while the pocket bat-



Brenda Davies, who said that she had received 250 letters of support from the public.

### Final warning for teacher who let boy smack bullies

A TEACHER who allowed a support from all over the five-year-old victim of bullying to smack his six tormentors on the hand with a ruler was given a final written warning at a disciplinary hearing yesterday (Kathryn Knight writes). Brenda Davies, a teacher for 27 years, was called to explain her actions to Graeme Russell, her head teacher at Tennyson Primary school in Luton, and an official from Bedfordshire County Council. After the hearing Mrs Da-

vies, 48, a mother of two, said

she did not regret her actions.

"I have had a lot of public

country, and even from America. I have got letters telling. me not to be bullied, and not to leave the teaching profession. I've got 250 letters at home from people who say what I did was pure common sense."

Mrs Davies, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, said she had told the headmaster that she had not encouraged corporal punishment but had encouraged the boy, Joe Middleton, to stand up against bullying in

"The children felt safer as a

what I did was right." She added that she had not told the boy to slap the others with the ruler: "I gave him the choice. and he took it."

After the incident last month, Mrs Davies wrote a letter to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, asking for her support. "I am in the dock for trying to put into operation the very things you say you want order and discipline in the classroom. Empower me and teachers like me to get on with our job,"

### McGuinness sets out Sinn Fein terms for asking IRA to restore ceasefire

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland correspondent

THE leading Sinn Fein member Martin McGuinness made clear last night that the IRA would restore its ceasefire if Britain granted certain conessions to his party. In a speech in Tralee, Co

Kerry. Mr McGuinness called A clear timeframe for the

multiparty talks; The removal of preconditions to Sinn Fein's entry into the talks, including the demand for the IRA to disarm during the negotiations: ☐ "Confidence-building mea-

sures" to make clear that Northern Ireland will be fundamentally reformed, includment will not treat any new ing changes to the RUC and the judicial system and the it treated the last one." early release of terrorist

Mr McGuinness strongly hinted that Sinn Fein was prepared to ask the IRA to restore its ceasefire if ministers accept his demands. He said: "Sinn Fein cannot deliver anything unless the British Government makes clear that there is to be a credible process of talks, without preconditions, on a broadly acceptable

time-frame. "In short, it must be made clear that the British Govern-

IRA cessation in the same way

His speech last night came amid intensive efforts by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to put pressure on Britain agree to Sinn Fein's demands.

John Major has made clear that Sinn Fein could only join the multi-party talks if the IRA renewed its ceaselire and then. showed its unambiguous commitment to peace. The IRA would also have to decommission some of its weapons

during the talks. However. Mr McGuinness struck 2 more conciliatory note on the arms issue.

A man who sought sanctuary in a cathedral after being ordered out of Northern Ireland by the IRA last year has been beaten by a republican gang in Londonderry after returning to the city on honey-moon. Claran Collins, 36, was beaten by a masked gang armed with baseball bats and a pool cue as he enjoyed a drink with his brother in a bar on Wednesday night. He sustained a broken elbow, hands. kneecap and other fractures.

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### US media sees chat-show publicity blitz as 'Britain's most unwelcome export since mad cow disease'

# America sticks the knife into the Duchess of Talk

BY QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York hit a cold Manhattan yesterday on the latest leg of a self-publicity tour, only to be told that she was "Britain's most unwelcome export since mad cow

It was not only winter's first snow flurries that chilled the air. The local media suddenly wearied of her, failing to show any gratitude for the duchess's statement this week that she loves America and wants to

The duchess, who is touring the United States to promote a book and rebuild her repertation, wore a skirt slit to the thigh as she swept into a Fifth Avenue bookshop to sign copies of her children's story. At the same time, a television network was debating "Is Fergie a royal pain?" and the New York Post was carrying a vitriolic attack headlined "America, it's time to dump royal pain Fergie".

"Someone aught to tell Fergie that America no longer needs foreign royalty," it thundered. "Change the Channel. Don't buy her tell-all book."

The Duke of York's former wife crossed the Atlantic apparently believing that it would do her good to adopt the American habits of public selfanalysis and soul-baring. She has appeared before the grand

queens of broadcasting. Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer and engaged in the dubious practice of seeking to shrive herself on the shimmering small screen to tens of millions of Americans. Yesterday's barrage suggested that the scheme was a failure.

Her friend-turned-enemy, Allan Starkie, was in New York at the same time, hawking his sordid version of the Fergie story, Dr Starkie, from Long Island, offered poisonous indiscretions that threatened to tarnish further the

duchess's name. None of it boded well for the final negotiations she is conducting with Weight Watchers, the dieting organisation, for which she hopes to become a front woman in exchange for

The duchess's desire to present herself as an ordinary Joan with human failings have made it an embarrassment to be a Briton abroad. Interrogated by Diane Sawyer on the nationwide ABC network, the duchess threw her face into contortions of suffering as she described her life at Buckingham Palace.

Throughout her meanderconduct of the Duke of York. For all the good intentions, In Britain, in an interview however, the result has still on Radio 4's Today pro-



My Story: the tell-all book by the Duchess

been negative. Reporters concentrated merely on her denial that the Duke was homosexual, and portrayed the Queen's second son as little more than a dullard who watches too much television.

Amid the ghastly circus, however, one possible boom presented itself yesterday. The New York Post polemicist Andrea Peyser, made such a. robust attack on "former royals who would sell out Buckingham Palace for a buck" that it is possible the monarchy may yet benefit, simply by being the betrayed

ess pointedly avoided a question about her fidelity to her husband during their mar-riage. She said that the issue was "not relevant" to the

She did choose, however, to declare her intention to repay debts estimated at £4 million to Coutts, her bankers. Comparing her addiction to spend-ing money with her sister-in-law's bulimia, the duchess said she had now conquered her desire to lead a lavish

Motherbood was probably her only success, she said. "The only thing I can probably say I am good at is being a mother," she told Sue

McGregor, her interviewer. The duchess said that after the embarrassing publication of photographs of her toes being sucked by John Bryan, it was only her religious faith that sustained her.

that she had received "dressing-downs" from the Oueen. the duchess said: "I would like to think that Her Majesty is grandmother to my two, to our two children, and therefore we carry on that relationship."

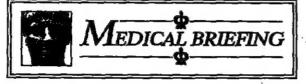
Her book, meanwhile, was being outsold by Dr Starkie's account even in Britain. But bookshops expect that to change as the publicity blitz

### The temptations she cannot resist

THE Duchess of York is unfortunate in that her personality is likely to lead her all her life into social, financial and sexual scrapes of varying magnitude. They probably stem from a condition which is labelled "failure of impulse control".

During her interviews yesterday the duchess expressed regret for the difficulties she as caused others, but classically seemed to be emotionally detached. The magnitude of the disasters she had occasioned did not seem to be causing severe anxiety.

Her present preoccupations not unnaturally centre on her debts, which she says have slipped all too easily



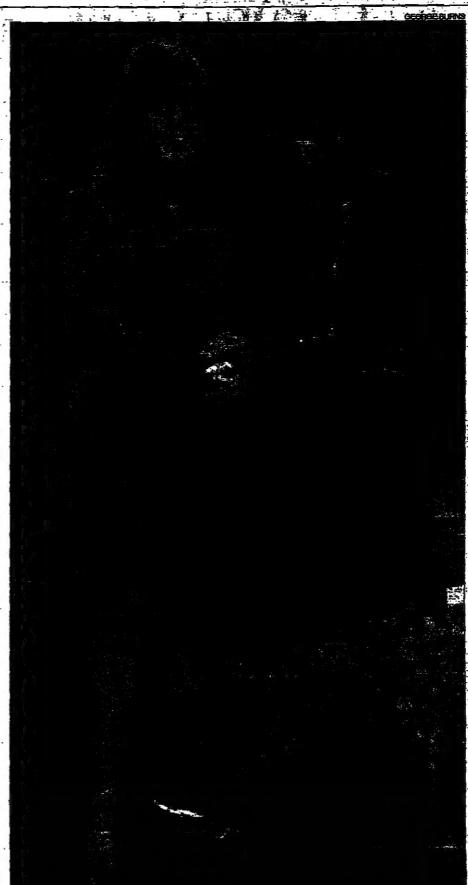
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from six to seven figures. The size of the debt can be attributed to her buying and spending sprees: they are not so much a matter of immaturity, as some people display that trait all their lives.

In other people, the same personality defect of failure of impulse control leads to stant travelling, or even pyro-mania. Whatever the desire, the feature of the disorder is that patients cannot resist an impulse. Naturally, the consequences of their act, whether its a debt at Coutts or a gambling loss in the casino. causes regret and remorse, but sooner or later, logeliof buying or spending, and the cycle is repeated.

Disorders of impulse control are often very much part of a wider picture and of difficulties with personal re-lationships. As with any personality disorder, treats is difficult. As the duchess herself says, her troubles may well have been lain down in childhood when her home life was fractured.

The duchess's principal concern now is for her children, and there is every reason to suppose that she will be a devoted mother. But no blinding flash on the road to Damasous will ever turn her into an astute banker or nun.



On air. the Duchess with the television chat-show hostess Oprah Winfrey. The charm offensive does not seem to have helped her or her book in America.

### **Express** man's wife arrested over book

A NEWSPAPER executive's wife was arrested after a woman allegedly tried to sell a stolen copy of a controversial biography about the Duchess of York to journalists.

Anita Monk, 52, the Dutchborn wife of fan Monk, deputy editor of The Express, was arrested at a Heathrow hotel on November 1 by police posing as reporters. The duchess tried to ban the 224 page biography, Fergie: Her Secret Life, by Allan Starkie, because it disclosed embarrassing details of her affairs with the Americans John Bryan and

Steve Wyatt.
The book was printed in America and Finland under strict secrecy and bought for serialisation for £170,000 by the Daily Mail. Unknown to the Mail, a rough copy had found its way to The Express. The Sun was allegedly contacted on November 1 by a woman who asked £4,000 to hand over a copy of the biography at the Excelsion Hotel, Heathrow.

The woman refused to give her name but told The Sun she had obtained the copy from Finland. The Sun informed the publisher. Michael O'Mara. The woman was told that reporters would meet her: Metropolitan Police officers arrived and arrested Mrs Monk Officers seized an unbound prepublication copy of the biography and a search of her home in Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, uncovered another, it is alleged. Mrs Monk was taken to Uxbridge police sta-tion and bailed to return on

Monday.

Mr Monk's future at The Express was unclear yester-day. He was in his office but not available for comment. Richard Addis, Editor of The Express, said only: "How distressing for Mr Monk that everyone now knows his wife

Mr O'Mara's lawyers sought undertakings from The Express that it would not run unauthorised excerpts. The paper ran extracts over three pages and an opinion column condemning the book.

A woman was arrested in Finland for trying to sell page proofs to another tabloid.

### Drunk is jailed for midair mayhem

By RICHARD DUCE AND HARVEY ELLIGIT

A JUDGE criticised airlines yesterday for making alcohol too easily available after hearing that an American, high on drink and drugs, turned a Virgin Atlantic trip into a "flight from hell".

Jailing James Mullahy for two years, Judge Ensor said he regretted that it was the most he could impose on Mullahy, 37, from Florida. Manchester Crown Court was told that Mullahy became violent after a four-hour drinking binge on the flight from Orlando to Manchester last month. He had been drinking against medical advice after taking a course of anti-depres-

sant drugs. Cabin staff were so alarmed that the captain ordered the flightdeck doors to be locked. After struggling with other passengers, Mullahy was subdued only when a British holidaymaker punched him twice in the face. Mullahy, of Palm Coast, admitted endangering aircraft and safety and being drunk on board an aircraft. He had been on his way to a job interview with



Hogan: subdued drunk on plane with a punch

immigration authorities in

Rick Holland, for the prose-cution, said Mullahy, who was sitting beside a US Marine, had continued drinking through his first meal and made a number of trips to the front of the aircraft to get more alcohol. He then began marching up and down the aisle, swearing, clenching his fists and talking about God.

The judge ordered that Paul Hogan, 34, the man who eventually immobilised him with a punch, should receive a £50 award from public funds in gratitude for his actions. Mr Hogan, 34, a car salesman from Bradford, west Yorkshire, was on the plane with his family.

Airline spokesmen said yesterday that there was no need

### **Viscount** drove over limit after lover died

By MIKE HORSNELL

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH. heir to the Marquess of Bath, was banned from driving for 18 months yesterday and fined £500 after he was stopped while almost three times over the drink-drive limit.

The viscount, charged in the name of Ceawlin Henry Thynn, had been upset at the death of his girlfriend, Scarlet Kirby, 29, in a bomb attack in India six months earlier. Horseferry Road magistrates in London were told. He was injured in the explosion at a backpackers' hostel in New Delhi. When his Alfa Romeo was stopped by police after he went through a red light in thinking about his girlfriend and his best friend, both killed in the blast last April, the court

Viscount Weymouth. 22, who gave his address as Longleat House near Warminster, had gone out in October on the eve of what would have been Miss Kirby's birth-day. He was said to be unemployed and living on £46-a-week benefit. He was ordered to pay £50 costs.

was told.

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# Raucous rooster lands its owner in Dublin prison

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT A CLAMOROUS campaign is

afoot to free a woman jailed in Dublin for refusing to restrain her boisterous moster. Moira Gallagher, 62 of Co

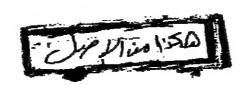
Mayo, has spent the past II days in Mountiny prison because she refused a court order to silence her crowing cockerel. The arguments with her neighbours in Achill began three years ago after the rooster. Caoile, uprooted a hedge Mrs Gallagher refused to get rid of the hird or to build wall to keep it from

Peter Masterson's neighbouring house, irritating him with its incessant crowing. Last July, he started a civil action against Mrs Gallagher.

The Castlebar Circuit Court ordered her to build a 6ft bin wall. She refused. Last month she was again brought before the courts and told to pay Mr Masterson £4,000 compensa-tion or build the wall. She Gallagher should be freed on refused both, was held in contempt and sentenced to

prison gates, demanding her said roosters crowed by na-ture. "It's a farce. She should not have been sent to prison. People who get done for murder and drugs are still

The main opposition party compassionate grounds. The party's law reform spokesindefinite detention in man, Willie O'Dea, said yes-Mountjoy prison in Dublin. terday that the case was Friends and relatives are absurd and that the law of



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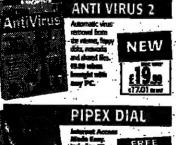
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# BBC announces plan to scrap television quiz show that became a national institution

# After 25 years, Mastermind has come to the final pass

By CAROL MIDGLEY

TWENTY-FIVE years after it started with a question about a Picasso painting. Mastermind is to finish. The television quiz show which fed the voracious British appetite for factual knowledge will close after its next series in 1997.

The presenter Magnusson, an Icelandicborn archaeology expert who brought an air of scholarly gravitas to the interrogation process, admitted he was disappointed by the BBC's decision that the programme had been "drawing to the end of its

But he said: "Every good thing has to come to an end, and I would rather it ended with a bang than whimper. We will be retiring from the scene when we are still on the crest, and I shall treat the last series as a celebration of 25 splendid and enjoyable years.

"It has been a tremendous privilege to be part of a programme which has become legendary in the annals of quiz programmes. I have started and now it is time to

More than 1,400 contestants have sat in the black chair answering questions on specialist subjects ranging from occupational pensions, to famous burial grounds of London, to the Sex Pistols.

Competition has been fierce. One contestant tried to unnerve rivals by completing The Times crossword in four minutes: he had memorised the answers. Another bought a replica Mastermind chair, ordered his son to operate an Anglepoise lump and demanded his wife ask him questions every night for a

week before his appearance. When the first programme was broadcast on September 11. 1972, from Liverpool University, accompanied by the title music called Approaching Menace, it was described as a quirky, one-off show for insemniae academics. But it quickly became a national institution, paving the way for pub quizzes and board games such as Trivial Pursuit. At its simple, yet compelling, format height in the mid-1980s, it had of a specialist questions round what year did the event take ist score is 22, achieved by a



### HOW THEY STARTED ...

difficult? Here is a sample of general knowledge questions from the first series and the latest.

1 What author did Hitler and Mussolini acclaim as the maste

prophet of right-wing authoritarianism? 2 He provoked the Third Crusade by capturing Jerusalem in

3 A member of the family Alaudidae, Wordsworth wrote a poem in its praise. What was it? 4 What fortunate discovery was made by Jacobus Jonker in

5 In the ancient world what name was given to the five regular Answers - 1. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche; 2, Saladin; 3, a

skylark; 4, a large diamond; 5, Platonic solids.

### AND HOW THEY FINISHED

1 Violet is at one end of the visible spectrum. What colour is at

2 What name is usually given to the tex imposed in Anglo-Sexon times to provide funds for the protection of England from

3 in Shakespeare, who is warned to beware jealousy "the green-ey'd monster which doth mock/The meat it feeds on"? In the Old Testament, who was stoned to death after he fused to sell his vineyard to King Ahab?

5 Which mercantile league of north German towns dominated the Baltic and North Sea trade from the 13th to the 15th Answers: 1, Red; 2, Danegeld (also gafol, heregeld or geld); 3, Othello; 4, Naboth; 5, Hanseatic League or Hanse (German —



Magnusson, top left, said of his record-breaking run: "I have started so I will finish." Above, taxi driver Fred Housego celebrating his 1980 win with his family

20 million viewers, and it still attracts 6 million.

Magnusson's catcliphrases "I've started so I'll finish." "You passed on three," and "Stop the clock" - became part of the vernacular. Its followed by a high-pressure general knowledge test became compulsive viewing for many. The first question was on the visual arts. It asked: "Picasso's Guernica was a protest about the bornhing by Spanish planes of a village. In

ing?" The answer was 1937. had "broadened hugely" since

1972. The highest-ever

place that inspired the paint-Magnusson. 66. said that question would now fall under neral knowledge because the idea of general knowledge

1979. He answered questions on Nelson. The highest general knowledge score is also 22, achieved by Jennifer Keavency in 1986. The highest combined total is 41, scored by Kevin Ashman last year.

Winners of the Caithness glass trophy have ranged from diplomats, a cleric, and teachers to taxi and train drivers. Perhaps the most well-known, London cabbie Fred Housego, became a broadcasting celebrity after his 1980 victory.

Thousands of people have applied to go under the spotlight. Some specialist subjects were considered too obscure: included orthopaedic bone cement in total hip replacement and mutes to anywhere in mainland Britain

from Letchworth by road. By the time Magnusson bows out, he will equal the record for the longest-serving host of a continuously running quiz show on British television, set by the University Challenge presenter Bamber Gascoigne. Magnusson is currently writing his memoirs about the show.

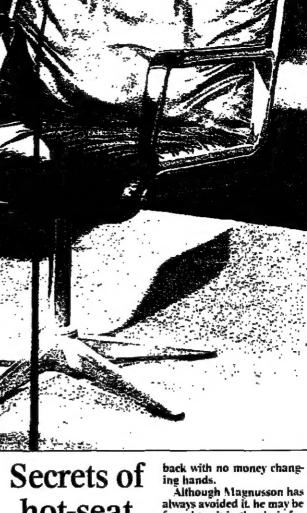
The show's creator, BBC producer Bill Wright, died in 1981. The BBC, which owns the copyright to the format. and is now promising to develop new ideas for quiz shows to take the Mastermind tradition into the future. There are no plans to sell the format. Corporation executives paid

tribute to Magnusson yester-day. The BBC1 controller Michael Jackson said: "His eloquence has become a byword in television.

John Whiston, the head of youth and entertainment features, said: "The success of Mastermind is due in large part to Magnus Magnusson's inspirational stewardship. There are very few broadcasters who can match his contribution to the BBC for quality and consistency, let alone longevity, and the BBC owes him

a deep debt of gratitude." The corporation has pledged a special documentary and a spectacular final to mark Mastermind's demise.

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THE black leather chair and the spotlight which be-came the symbols of Mastermind were designed to recreate the atmosphere of a wartime interrogation. Bill Wright, a former prisoner of war who devised the show's format, wanted contestants to feel they were being grilled under the

fiercest pressure. Although a duplicate chair is kept in case of emergencies, the same original model has been used since 1972. transported around the country by lorry. The duplicate chair has been used in the opening

# hot-seat

The Two Ronnies and Morecambe and Wise. Magnus Magnusson has always refused to sit on either

Between filming. the main chair is kept in a secret location in London and guarded closely. In 1979 students at the University of Coleraine "kidnapped" it and demanded a £50 ransom for their Cambodia Relief Fund. After tense

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forced to sit in the chair for the first time as part of the

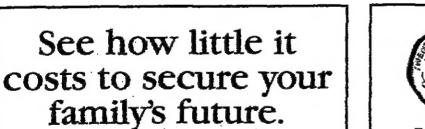
programme's finale next year. Under the famous spotlight he is expected to be asked questions on his 25 years as quizmaster by former contestants in a last act

Magnusson suggested last night that the BBC should present him with the chair as a "permanent me-mento of 25 of the happiest years of my life. I would like to put it out to grass in my











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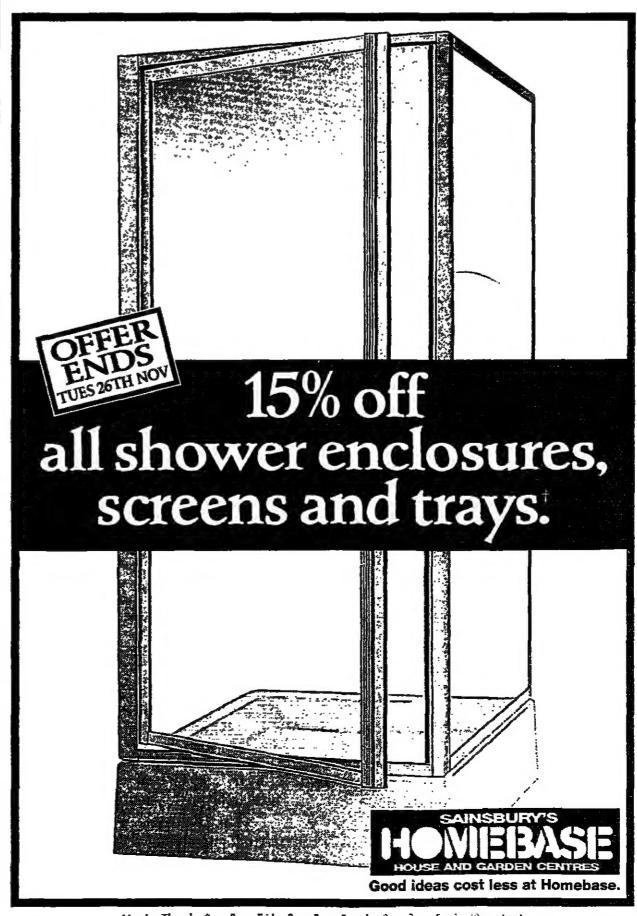




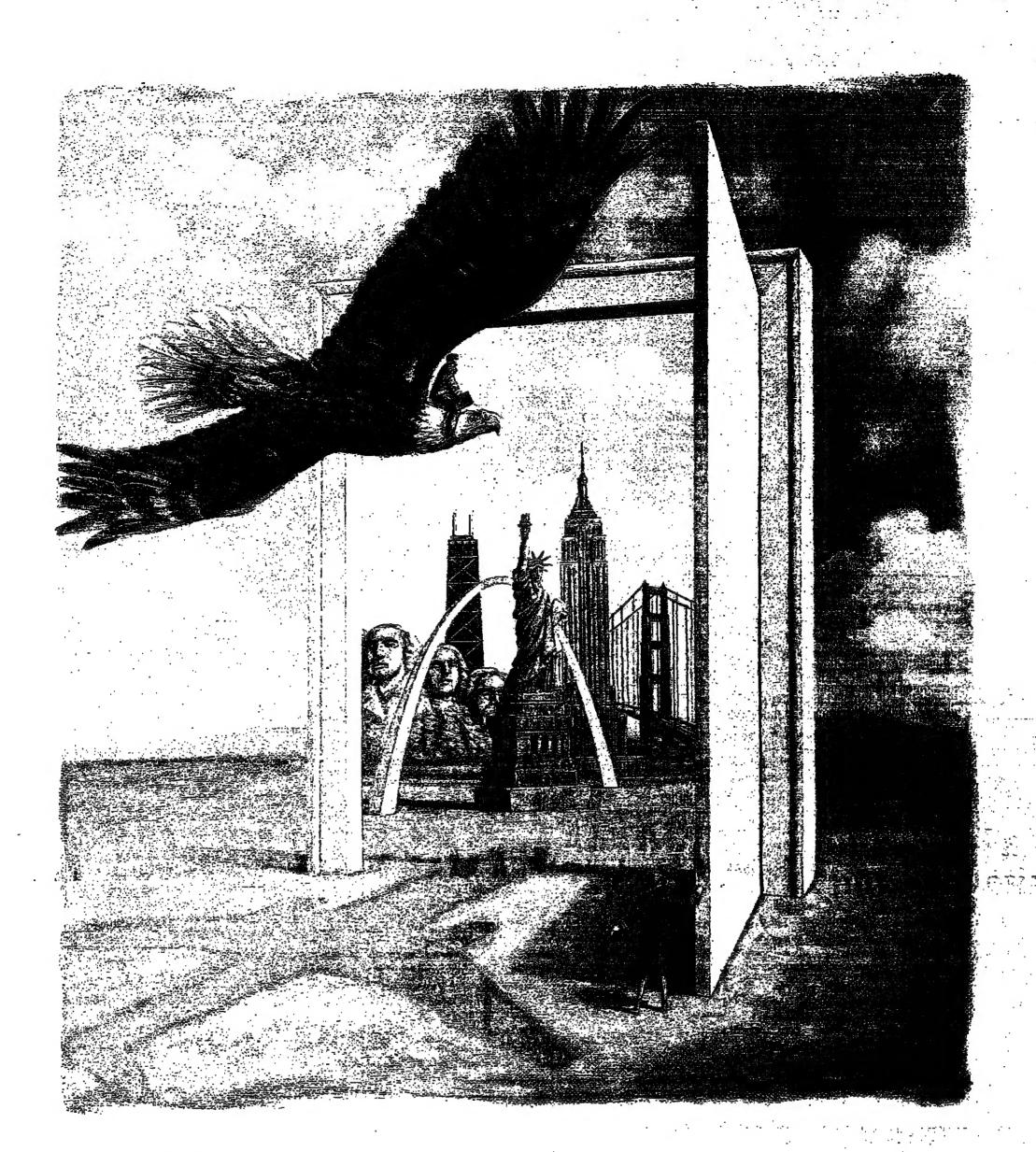
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# Girl who tried to stop fight was killed by one kick

A SINGLE kick to the head by a 12-year-old girl was enough to kill Louise Allen, who was set upon as she tried to stop a fight on her way home from a funfair, a court was told

The 12-year-old and her friend, 13, stood beside their solicitors in the dock at Nottingham Crown Court and admitted manslaughter after the Crown dropped charges of murder. Richard Nathan, for the prosecution, told Mr. Justice Hidden that the more dropped in the light of the post-mortem examination

They showed that Louise, 13, from Corby, Northampton-shire, died from the kind of internal bleeding in the head often caused by a blow or a punch. It did not have to be a severe blow, the court was told. Mr Nathan also said that the Crown believed it would be difficult to prove that there was specific intent to kill or cause serious injury when the youngster aimed the kick.

Mr Nathan told the court that the fight began shortly before 8pm on Monday, April 27, as a group of girls were returning home to a council estate from a funfair. There was an incident in which

ing in hospital yesterday after being abducted and beaten by a gang of teenage girls over aix hours. The girl, 13, suffered a broken wrist, bite marks, severebruising and injury to her car during the attack in er, on Wednesday. One of to say: We've beaten up. ur daughter and dum-

Louise's friend was challenged to a fight by the younger of the accused. Shortly afterwards, she was sitting astride the friend and striking her.

ped her in the road."

Louise tried to pull the gir. off, the court was told. This girls, all roughly the same age. friend also intervened and, in the next few minutes, Louise received the blow that put her on a life-support machine in Kettering General hospital. The equipment was switched off the next day.

Mr Nathan said that witness statements suggested that first one girl and then the other kicked Louise in the head. But he said that to establish a charge of murder the Crown would need to

kill the victim or to inflict some serious injury. "We are dealing here with a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old and the Crown has been given material that indicates the 13-year-old has the intelligence quotient that cent of the population."

The post-mortem examination report showed only three obvious injuries to Louise, all bruises to the head. The largest of them was seven centimetres by three centimetres. This may have been the cause of her death. said Mr. Nathan. The report showed she died of internal bleeding. "The blow need not be severe and it is widely accepted that such an injury often follows moderate force."

Howard Morrison, defenda kick at Louise as she lay on the ground. She did not think any kick had landed, but accepted that evidence suggested it must have done. Sally Bennett-Jenkins, de

fending the older child, said her client was willing to accept that she pulled Louise away from the fight by her hair and that there was a tussle. The reports to be drawn up on both girls and adjourned the hear-



Louise Allen died after she was attacked by two girls on her way home from a funfair. Her parents gave permission for her life support machine to be switched off

# **US-style clerks** to help judges clear backlog

JUDGES are to take on young a shortlist. Judges will whittle lawyers as American-style clerks to do their routine work in an attempt to clear the backlog of appeals. The idea has come from Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, who yesterday described the lack of administrative support for judges as absurd.

The Court of Appeal is faced with a rising backlog of unheard appeals. Last year the figure rose from 1,600 in 1994 1,800. There was also a backing for leave to appeal.

The time taken to hear cases is growing. Last year the Court of Appeal said it could hear only 70 per cent of cases within 18 months of the date they were set down for trial. For some kinds of cases, the wait was more than two years. The scheme, reported in this

will be modelled on programmes in the United States and New Zealand. A dozen young lawyers will be chosen as judicial assistants to work closely with judges. They will be drawn from trainee or recently qualified solicitors and barristers in the last stage

of pupillage. A Court of Appeal judge, Lord Justice Otton, has been appointed to oversee the project, which is expected to be run in the new year. Both the Law Society and Bar will put forward 12 candidates each for

down the list and conduct interviews.

Yesterday Lord Woolf said that for too long the civil justice system had been the poor relation of criminal and family law and had not had its fair share of resources. At a Group to discuss his civil justice reforms, Lord Woolf said there were "obvious economies" that could be made in the civil courts. One was to give judges proper administrative support. The traditional High Court judge's clerk had been devised as part of the system long ago, he said. That person on the whole is

Under his proposals, judges role as trial managers. With that new role, they would need clerks with skills "much closer to the old solicitors' clerks or

legal executives". Recently the poor facilities for judges trying civil disputes were critcised by judges at the Bar conference. Judge Weeks. QC, said that judges had no clerical or other assistance and if they want to type a judgment or write a letter they have to do it themselves".



Professor Muller-Dethlefs and his puzzling subject

### It's a black and white case, but not to scientists

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SCIENTISTS from across the a three-day workshop on laser world have gathered in earnest conclave to consider a conundrum that has baffled the world for decades: why do the bubbles in Guinness go down in the glass when every other drink sends its fizz shooting to the surface?

The symposium at York University examined the Great Guinness Conjecture expounded by Klaus Muller-Dethlefs, Professor of Chemistry at York and a keen Guinness-drinker. He was first drawn to the problem in a bar in New Hampshire after attending a conference on techniques for studying molecutes using high-tech lasers. He and his American col-

league, Professor Phil Johnsun, mused on why the bubbles behaved the way they did. Professor Muller-Dethiefs, who recently moved from the Munich Technical Institute, said: "We realised it was similar to some of the other problems we're trying to solve.

"We use sensitive lasers to select and track molecules in order to understand the way they react and move. I realised our laser research could be used to pinpoint molecules in liquids, like Guinness, and work out this problem once and for all." But after the debate, a less-serious aspect of

spectroscopy, as his technique is called, he admitted they had yet to crack the riddle of the stout. We need to perform more experiments before we can fully explain the Guinness effect," he said.

The basic science is that it is the relation of different fluid dynamics of the liquid and the gas that occurrence bubbles rise of fall. What we presently believe after pilot experiments, is that bubbles sink due to the special features of Guinness, for instance the thickness and texture of the liquid and the nitrogen gas used to pump it, in conjunc-tion with the peculiar swirling movements of the brew and the shape of the glass."

The research could bring a whole new meaning to the famous slegan "Gumness Is. Good For You", because it could lead to new medical techniques that might save lives, including a saler alternative to X-rays and a treatment for skin cancer.

Professor Muller-Dethlefs added that laser spectroscopy could replace invasive tech-niques. For instance, cells in the human body can be diag-nosed, and glucose levels in diabetics' blood can be examined without need for surgery or taking of blood."

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will offer mass for them. God

Bishop Cox: confessions will know who they are. The Bishop was ordained in 1978 by the rebel Bishop Lefebvre. whose congregations hold Mass in Latin. confessions: "I give absolu-tion to all those who phone. I

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### **Birthday** boy dies jumping for joy

By Paul WILKINSON

A BOY who liked to use his bunk bed as a trampoline broke his neck when he fell off and crashed into a safety net made by his parents. James Leadbetter was found dead by his mother on the day that the family was to hold his elev-

enth birthday party. His bed stood 4ft 2in off the ground and was made from scaffolding pules because he had broken three previous beds using them as trampolines. His father, George, an electronics research engineer from Amble. Northumberland, said: "He was so excited

about his party.

"He was such a livewire, always rushing around. Everyone who knew him would tell how full of energy he was. It is terrible that he died like

"It looks as though James had been trying to do back somersaults on his bed and something went horribly wrong. He used to enjoy climbing about in his bedroom, making dens and caves Church leaders have no special authority to criticise Government, says Archbishop



George Carey: said the Church had a useful role in politics

# Don't muddle theology with politics, Carey tells clergy

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury issued a pre-election warning to clergy yesterday of the dangers of claiming special authority for their political and economic opinions.

Dr George Carey said that, when a bishop or priest wanted to criticise the Government in public, they should take the trouble first to consult ministers or MPs about the points they wished to make. The Church should not confuse theological and moral pronouncements with politics, Dr Carey said. While Church leaders could contribute usefully to political debate, they possessed no special authority in

Dr Carey's comments indicate his wish to maintain the delicate balance in Church-State relations in the run-up to the general election. While the Archbishop has made similar points before, their reinforcement now contrasts with the recent publication by the Roman Catholic bishops of a document widely regarded as supportive of socialist policies.

Addressing a conference on "the state of the nation" in High Leigh.

pronouncements as an institution, it should not muddle up indiscriminately pronouncements about theological and moral ends and the fruits of pastoral experience, on the one hand, and political or economic opinions about how best to achieve particular effects on the other." To be "prophetic" was not the same as putting forward a one-sided view without consulting the person being criticised.

However, he emphasised that the Church should not stay out of the political arena, especially where clergy could draw on their own pastoral experience. If one was to address contemporary moral con-cerns, one could not "cherry pick" just one or two issues.

Dr Carey's comments reflect a transformation in the relationship between Church and government since the undeclared war of the 1980s, when Archbishop Runcie, now Lord Runcie, was constantly at odds with the Margaret Thatcher

and the Conservatives Dr Carey said the Church had

Hertfordshire, Dr Carey said: the right to speak about society's "Where the Church seeks to make" moral goals and priorities, and to addressed the problem of the deprived. "But - and it is a big but" - when it comes to the most effective political or economic means of attaining moral goals, the Churches, though they may hope to make a useful contribution, do not speak with special authority," he said. "Archbishops, for example, are not expert in assessing the practical effects of different political

or economic options." One should know "the difference etween issues where the Church can claim special authority and the issues where it may hope to make a useful contribution but cannot claim special authority and expertise by virtue of being the Church". He continued: "It especially be-hoves church people to avoid apparent self-righteousness when

contributing to political debate".

Dr Carey referred directly to one of the biggest battlegrounds of the 1980s, the Faith in the City report, condemned by one Government minister as "Marxist" when it was published in 1985. The report led to

the creation of the Church Urban Fund, which has donated £23 million to more than 1,300 projects in deprived areas since 1987.

Dr Carey defended the report as "deeply appreciated" by many, but admitted that some of the criticisms by those close to the Government of the day "were at least partly justified". The report had had "an Achilles' heel", he said. The recommendations to the nation about how to address the problems about how to address the problems that it outlined "raised important questions about the nature of the

cuestions about the nature of the Church's special authority.

Anglicans from ethnic minorities who migrate to Britain still encounter hostility from white congregations, according to a Church of England report published today. Churchgoers from countries such as China, Pakistan and India have such been advised to go away and even been advised to go away and set up their own churches, according to The Passing Winter. It has also been alleged that church schools have refused to admit children from ethnic minorities.

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### Tesco opens first Internet store

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TESCO launched Britain's first on-line supermarket yesterday. The company's trial of an Internet service, said to represent "the future of shopping", began in Ealing, west London Shoppers can log into their computers, tap in their orders from a choice of 20,000 grocery and household items, and sit back to wait for them to be delivered.

The system uses a package called Merchant Server, developed by Microsoft and launched within the past few months. On-line shoppers set a delivery time and pay by store card or credit card. Tesco

will deliver for a £5 fee. Announced promotions this

week include: Budgens: fresh skinless chicken breast fillets (3.99 for 500g, pork and teek sausages EL24 for 454g, large mushrooms 69p for 227g, 125g, white crumpets 29p for eight. op (CWS): ham on the bone horrbread fingers £1.19 for 500g. ceps £1.99 for 100g, three-bean salad 89p for 100g, smoked Scot-tish lamb £2.99 for 100g, sea hen

caviare £8.99 for 100g. Ioeland: orange and ginger chicken breasts 62.29 for two, breaded haddock steaks 61.99 for six, od bles 61.49 for 30, garden Marks & Spescer: chicken breust fillers 68.99 for ten, hake in breadcrumbs 99p for 227g, steak at poivre £4.99 for 396g, garlic baguette 79p for 155g, treade tart 99p for 300g, custand 79p for 500g. Morrisons: pork chops EL29 a lh, beel brisket £1.55 lb, fillet steak £5.99 lb, and fillet £1.99 lb, whole trout £1.29 lb, oysters 39p each. Granny Smith apples 29p lb. Rocha pears 39p a lb. Safeway: sirioin steak £8.95 a kg. chicken breast fillets £7.99 for 118ke farmen pork spare rib chops.

chicken breast fillers £7,99 for 1,19kg, fræen pork spare rib chops £2,79 for 90°fg, cauliflower 39p each, tomatoes 42p a lb. closed-cup mushrooms 99p a lb.

Sainsbury's: fresh whole leg of lamb £4,99 a kg, topside/silverside £5,79 a kg, pork loin chops £5,49 a kg, chicken drumsticks and thigh £2,69 for five, extra lean sausages 99p for 454g, cauliflower 39p each, å dwarf beans 99p for 250g.

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boneless beef brisket £1,76 a lb. shoulder of lamb £1.47 a lb. cona pie 79p for 550g, satsumas 29p lb fromage frais 79p for 6 x 60g. Teson: chicken breast fillets £3.99

a kg. minced lamb £2.09 for 500g. raw peeled riger prawns £1.29 for 4oz, brussels sprouts 35p a lb, white potatoes £1.29 for 10kg, Golden Delicious apples 38p a lb. Waitrose chicken drumsticks £1.99 for ten, free range eggs 89p for six. King Edward potatoes El.49 for 5kg, Spartan apples 45p a lb, Comice pears 49p a lb.

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# Children's chance of surviving accidents is better than ever

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SERIOUSLY injured children admitted to hospital after accidents have a dramatically increased chance of surviving because of better trauma care, researchers have found.

A study of 3,200 children and young people treated in 122 hospitals in Britain over the past seven years shows that the chances of surviving a serious accident have improved by 65 per cent. The improvement has been greatest in children under five, whose risk of dying in hospital fell by 21 per cent a year between 1989 and 1995. Among children aged 5 to 14 the death rate fell 13 per cent a year and among 15 to 24 year

olds by 17 per cent. More than two thirds of the victims were involved in a road accident and three quarters suffered a head injury. On admission to hospital, all the victims had suffered major trauma as measured on an injury severity scale.

Ian Roberts, director of the

The number of NHS chief nives paid more than £100,000 has risen from two to 22 in two years. Although the proportion of administrators is growing at the expense of care workers, almost half of trusts cannot meet financial targets, according to the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

child health monitoring unit at the Institute of Child Health, London, who conducted the study, said: "My hunch is that it is less to do with hightech medical innovations and more likely because patients. are getting better basic trau-

The poor standard of care given to accident victims had been recognised over the past decade and efforts made to improve it. Dr Roberts said that more attention was now given to standard measures

such as checking that the patient's airway was clear, that they were breathing properly and not losing blood.

Accident victims being taken into hospital now are more likely to be seen by a senior doctor than they were. More are getting brain scans and doctors are less likely to miss abdominal injuries, maybe because they are more aware of their importance. There has been a recognition that this is an important problem and patients needed a better standard of initial trauma

Dr Roberts said that the findings, published in the British Medical Journal, cast doubt on government claims that child accident rates were improving. A reduction in accident deaths of 33 per cent for under 15s and 25 per cent for 15 to 24 year olds by 2005 has been set as a target under the Health of the Nation strategy and on present trends these could be exceeded.



The stone being carried from Westminster Abbey yesterday at the start of its return to Scotland

# Stone of Destiny goes home in a Land Rover

THE Stone of Destiny, historic symbol of Scottish nationhood, will make its glorious return kome today in the back of an Army Land Rover, 700 years after it was scited by Edward I.

The sandstone slab, know as the Stone of Scone, will cross the border at the town of Coldstream at 10am. Security will be tight as the

relic, Coronation stone of British monarchs for centuries, is escorted by the Coldstream Guards on to Coldstream Bridge. It will be handed over to the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots and the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, before being piped over the Tweed and led in procession through the town to a where Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, will welcome the stone home. It will then be escorted on to Edinburgh. Yesterday the stone began its journey north after leaving Westminster Abbey at 7am in a blue wooden box with a wax seal.

The last time the stone left boot of a Ford Anglia driven



dent, Kay Mattheson, now 67, who was part of a gang who snatched it from under the Abbey's Coronation chair on Christman Eve, 1980.

This time the mode of transport was slightly more dignified. Lothian and Borders Police refused to disclose any information about the route for security reasons. The stone was guarded by three police outriders a white van and two Range Rovers. Last night it was under army guard at Ouston camp, was of Newcastie

Davie McCullouch, 24, from Strangaer, ry of Historic Scotland, the heritage agency, experts will decide if restoration is

The first chance the public will have of seeing the stone will be on St Andrew's Day, November 30, when it leaves Holyroodhouse to begin the journey up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle where it will be on public view in the Crown Room the next day.

There will be a service at St Giles Cathedral and a ceremony at the castle to be attended by the Duke of York on behalf of the Queen.

### Blood clot killed student in her sleep

By A STAFF REPORTER

A STUDENT who died in her sleep in her first week at Oxford University suffered a rare lung condition, an inquest was told yesterday.

Rachel Steer, 18, died from a beart attack caused by a blood clot in her lungs. Sanjif Manek, the pathologist, said: "Usually there are reasons for this condition but there are cases where you cannot find any cause. It is a patural

"Usually it does occur in young females but it is an extremely rare condition. I think she died within two or

three hours of going to bed." Miss Steer, from Surbiton. at St Hilda's. She was found on October 21, two days after her death, after she failed to attend a lecture and the alarm was raised by a friend. Recording a verdict of death

by natural causes, Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxfordshire Coroner, said: "This is a very rare condition, one you can't do anything in particular to prevent, except that a healthy lifestyle and regular exercise

Miss Steer's parents. Clifford and Christine, did not attend the inquest.

### Stable girl provoked me, accused tells court

BY JOANNA BALE

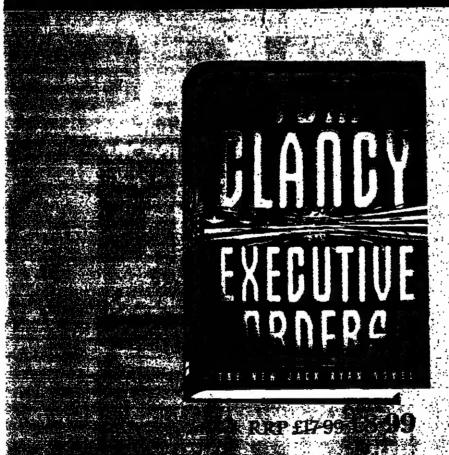
A FARMWORKER claimed yesterday that a stable girl hit him with an iron bar before he killed her with it in a hail of blows. Stephen Webber told a jury that he had loved Jessie Huristone, 27, but killed her after she "cut him dead" when she was with her friends and appeared ungrateful for presents he had bought.
Mr Webber, 39, pleaded not

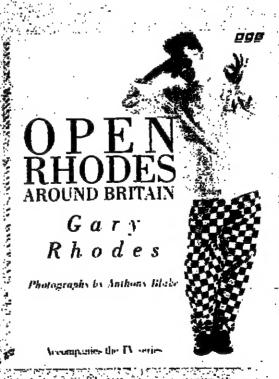
guilty at Exeter Crown Court to murdering Miss Hurlstone in October last year at Hawson Stables near Buckfastleigh, Devon, owned by the National Hunt trainer

Mr Webber said that he had about three years and had left eigh to her in his will. He had relationship. calous when he saw her cissing a boyfriend.

visited Miss Hurlstone at her caravan to discuss claims that be had wanted to get her into trouble over housing benefit. The bar was just to frighten the girl. I do not know what told police. The trial continues.

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# Wealth gap closes as poorest escape from dire poverty

has been reversed, with many of Britain's poorest people according to official statistics.

The main cause for the narrowing gap is that top salaries. in spite of the occa-sional "fat cat" scandal, are increasing no faster than low-er wages. Higher taxes and more generous welfare benefits for people in work have helped to reduce inequality.

The debate about the poor getting poorer will be strongly affected by the first official analysis of what Peter Lilley. the Social Security Secretary. likes to call "income mobility". Ministers have been embarrassed by surveys that have repeatedly shown that the gap between the poorest and richest grew rapidly during the

Mr Lilley has been keen to find evidence that the poor are not a permanent mass of hopeless cases doomed to remain destitute. He believes the poorest are a constantly changing group of individuals who have fallen on hard times hut will soon be able to pull

Yesterday's figures, from

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CAMERA Quartz dateback. Service, looked at the poorest 10 per cent in 1991: those living on less than £119 a week. They show that 60 per cent rose above the bottom tenth by 1994 but not far: most were still in

the lowest third. Although there was evi dence of people rising from extreme poverty and then falling back. (t) per cent managed to stay up. During those three years the average weekly income of the poorest tenth rose from £101 to £150.

People who have been poor for a long time have less hope of escaping poverty. Those newly fullen into the bottom income level tended to have been just above it, rather than plummeting spectacularly

The increase of lone parents means the proportion of children living in a home where no one earns anything has risen from 18 per cent in 1979 to 31 per cent in 1993-14. The rise in households where no adult of working age receives a wage rose from 8 to 17 per cent. The combined effect of the recession and owning property has doubled the number of mortgage payers in the bottom tenth from 5 to 10 per cent.

come across the board, but the poorest have fared better than the richest. Causes include a fall in unemployment by 950,000 since the peak in December 1992, lower mortgage rates and an increase in income for pensioners.

The lives of the poor have improved since 1979 through mass ownership of consumer goods. Among the bottom lifth of the population, 90 per cent have a washing machine. 85 per cent a freezer and 75 per cent central heating.

The biggest winners since the Conservatives came to power have been pensioners and working people, whose incomes have increased by more than the average 37 per cent in real terms, while the income of the unemployed lagged. The increase in private pensions explains a significant fall in the proportion of elderly people in poverty.

Andrew Mitchell, a Social

Security Minister, said: "The rrend of increasing inequality in the 1980s has not continued. I am pleased to see signs that even the least well off are continuing to improve their ☐ Households Below Average

Sir John Soane's museum will use £738,000 for expansion



Soane: he died in 1837

### Lottery grant for hidden treasure

BY MARCUS BINNEY

A MUSEUM that has 9,000 Robert Adam drawings sitting in a cupboard has been given a £738.000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to ex-

pand its premises. Sir John Soane's museum at 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, London, is full of more surprises than any other building in London. with trick mirrors, hanging domes and numerous tiny vestibules filled with antiqui

The interior of the museum in Holborn, where 9,000 drawings by Robert Adam are stored in a cupboard pher Woodward, the assiscade ago, it is now on the nt curator. must-see list for many tour-Soane had lived with his ists. attracting 76,000 visitors

house and collection to the nation by an Act of Parliament in 1833 which specified that everything should remain as it was on the day he died. All the pictures are banging on the same nails. What had been a museum in Soane's lifetime retains the atmosphere of a private house today," said Christo-

family in a house at number 12, which he built in 1792, adding on his museum at number 13 in 1812. Then in 1823 he added the third house at number 14 to make matching composition. number 14, which is now, like its neighbours, a Grade I listed building to a solicitor who had promised to keep it as a family house but office. Mr Woodward said: The house was perfect in every detail when he sold it. It still has all the quirky details like starfish ceilings."

The Soane museum tried to acquire number 14 in the 1960s, but was refused a grant by the Treasury. Howthe Heritage Lottery Fund has given the application fast-track treatment, enabling the museum to meet a four-month deadline set by the current owners, an insurance company, to buy the property. Margaret Rich-

We will create a Robert Adam study centre and facil-ities for children to study architecture.

Some was the first and greatest professor of archi-tecture in Eugland. The models, drawings and dia-grams he made for his Royal Academy students are so clear and simple that they can be used today. Number 14 will enable us to reopen the upper floors of the muse um, which have been used as



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A theory that jumping up and down strengthens bones was supported by research in Finland reported in The Lancet. The bone mass density of women aged 35 to 45 who did special training rose by be-tween L4 and 3.7 per cent.

### Raid on gypsies

A loaded pistol, four shotguns armed police during a raid on Vale, south London. Nine men and two women were being questioned yesterday.

### Payout to MP

Anthony Steen, Tory MP for for South Hams, accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages over an article in the Sunday Express which said he had behaved like a lager lout on a trip to Cyprus.

### Flashgun rescue

James Graham, 56, from Calgary. Canada, was rescued from a hill on South Uist in the Western Isles after alerting rescuers with a flashgun. He had set off to take photographs and became bogged down.

### Pay as you drive

Bristol City Council is seeking 250 volunteers next month to test a El million road-toll project funded by the European Commission. A card on their windscreens will register on scanners when they use the A4.

### **Britons** win EU backing in French ski battle

BY OLIVER AUGUST

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BRITISH ski instructors were supported in the European Parliament yesterday in a battle with French rivals.

Mario Monti, the European tion, backed their campaign to win equal rights to teach on French ski slopes. He told the European Parliament that the ban on foreign certificates was unjustified and ruled that British instructors must be granted full access this coming

During years of simmering hostility and threats of vio ence, British instructors have been barred because top grades awarded by the British Association of Ski Instructors were not recognised in France. In March, the French were forced to surrender after threats that further opposition to equal rights rules would result in legal action at the European Court of Justice: The French Government backed down but unionised French instructors continued their opposition.

If the French Government cannot persuade the union to comply with the rule changes agreed in March, the British association is prepared to step up its legal battle. Simon Holmes, a lawyer acting for the association, said: The ski instructors have hijacked the French public agenda. We want to resolve this before the season starts."

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Hospital agrees restricted work for ear specialist

# HIV-positive surgeon is allowed to operate again

A SURGEON who is HRV. goon as being infected. Yester-positive yesterday became the day he said that he welcomed virus to be allowed to resume his work in the operating.

Health managers in Glasgow announced that Professor George Browning, an ear, nose and throat specialist, would be allowed to do a restricted number of "no risk" operations. Patients will be told of his condition and asked whether they wish to receive treatment from birn.

They will be under no pressure to consent and their decision will not affect their position on waiting lists. Pro-fessor Browning, 55, a father of three, based at Glasgow's Gartnavel General Hospital, supped operating in December 1994 after being diagnosed

His work has since been restricted to lectures and outpatient clinics. He made his condition public after a newspaper named the wrong sur-

his employers decision and did not find the restrictions onerous. Although other surgeons may be operating with the virue, he was the first to be known about publicly.

He hoped his situation would encourage other infected medical staff to come forward, not least to get treatment. "Unfortunately, I know of other healthcare workers who are infected and I would have thought this decision today would encourage them not to hide the fact, but to come forward," he said.

Professor Browning, who described himself as being in "superb health", is expected to resume surgical work in his specialism of otology, highly complex middle-ear operations, before Christmas. Hewill do up to 75 operations a year, about 80 per cent of his previous workload.

His work will be monitored and his health checked each month. He will not be allowed to do any nose or throat surgery, or any operations where there is extensive use of. scalpels or manual manipulation, or where there could be a risk of complications. His work will be carried out using the "no-touch" technique, with long handled microsurgical instruments which probe

using a dish or tray.

Professor Browning said: "It has been an educational past two years. There have been times when one really has wondered if all the fuss is really worth it and the easy option is to just forget it.

about 3cm into the ear canal.

Any sharp tools will be passed

back to theatre staff indirectly.

"One of the things that has actually kept me going, and has been extremely influential on the board coming to this decision, has been the very obvious patient support. If there had not been patient support then I don't know if they [the board] would have

said that, over the past nine months, when he had raised the question with patients, he had been "absolutely delighted" by their response. The vast majority have been only too keen that I operate on them," he said. But he acknowledged that some might have objections in the future. The decision to allow Profes

sor Browning to resume surgery was announced by West Glasgow Hospitals University. NHS Trust. The trust board was advised by the Depart-ment of Health's Advisory Panel for healthcare workers infected with bloodborne viruses. Derek Mason, the board

chairman, said it had reached a unanimous decision that his work would present "no measurable risk" to patients or staff. He said that the decision was "significant" for other trusts who found them-



Professor Browning: hopes move will help other infected staff to come forward

### Clerk fired for keeping = his wife

out of court toth A COURT official used his own sense of justice when his wife was summoned over a £30 fine on a car she no

longer owned. Gavin Wilson had the case adjourned twice. His decision cost him his £25,000-a-year job as magistrates' clerk at Pontypridd, Rhondda. Yesterday an industrial tribunal rejected his daim of unfair dismissal. ruling that he had been guilty of gross misconduct.

The tribunal at Cardiff was told that Susan Wilson was wrongly sent a number of parking tickets for a Ford Orion in the weeks after she sold it to a photographer, Paul Griffiths. He agreed to pay, but was abroad at the time of the summons for not paying a £30 fine. He wrote to the tribunal saying: "I let Mrs

Wilson down. Mr Wilson, 41, said: "I adjourned the case on the basis that Mr Griffiths paid previous fines. I was hoping justice would be done. I adjourned it a second time because my wife was ill and I wanted to save her the embarrassment of being arrested."





# Call for ban on lethal child's toy

A TINY child's toy was described as lethal by doctors yesterday after a six-month-old baby died and a sevenyear-old girl was left on a life

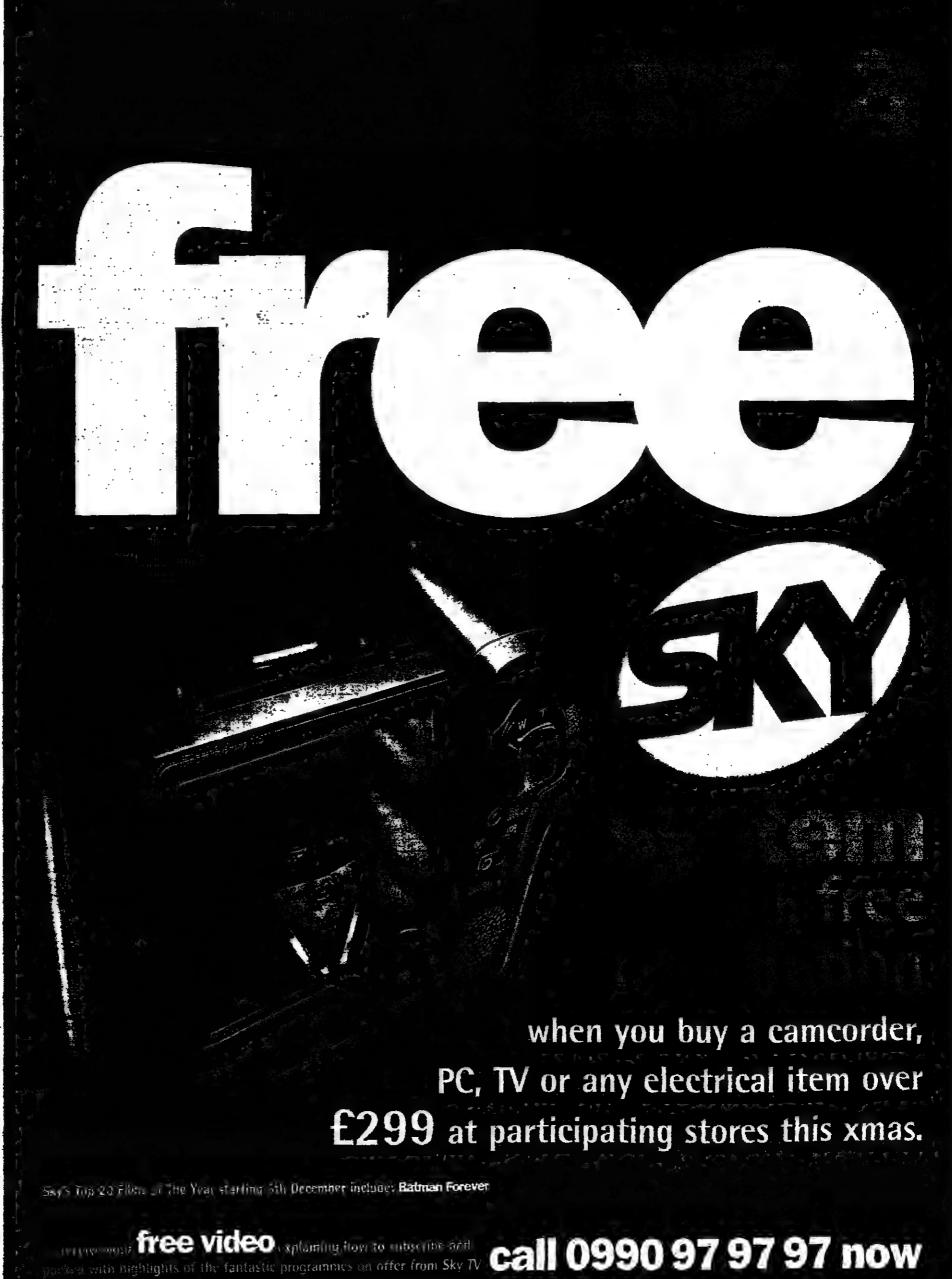
25 in nubber belloon available for a few pence at scores of corner shops nationwide. They are intended to be filled with water then thrown.

Doctors at Bradford Royal Infirmary decided to speak out after dealing with two incidents in the past formions. In the first, on October 30, Farina Tul-sin, six months, died after stuffing the balloon in her mouth at her home in Lidget Green, Bradford, A werdiet of needermit death was recorded at her inquest. Her father, Tario, has called for the toy to be barried from sale. in the second incident, last

girl inhaled the balloon after apparently trying to blow it up. She is critically ill in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Thuy Shorton, head of the accident and emergency de-philipment, said: "If these water bombs are accidentally inhaled, they are exactly then right size to sit on a child's vocal chords and obstruct the windpipe. They have the shape, look and texture of a

West Yorkshire's Trading Standards Service has begun an investigation. Paul Cooper, its head of fair trading and safety, said the product was widely available. Packs of 20 sold for as little as 25p. He declined to indentify the water bomb importers as the inquiry had just been launched and, so far, only one importer had



### No wonder Canada's National Colours are Red and White.

Last spring the ice flows ran red with the blood of over 268,000° seals. Now government advisors and politicians hope to increase the lift quota, 400,000" seek could be butchered next. year. And of these, roughly three quarters will be beby seel pups. Just days or weeks old. They'll be shot or dubbed to death. And those seals that escape wounded will die an agonizing death beneath the ice. These are the "kicly" ones. Recent evidence indicates some will be skinned alive for their conts.

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By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR will warn "Any civilised country would Jacques Chirac today that a Labour government would resist any further directives from Brussels on employment

Although he will tell the in Paris this morning that he backs the maximum 48-hour working week, he will argue that "there is no appenie among other countries" for a series of further regulations.

The Labour leader's visit will coincide with planned strikes on the Paris metro, the railways, the French press and banks. Most of the industrial action has been prompted by attempts to meet the economic convergence criteria for a single currency.

Mr Blair's position is in line with Gordon Brown's comments this week, when he reassured businessmen that Labour would veto any extension of majority voting on the European Union's social chapter. It also reflects Labour unease that the Prime Minister's tough stand on the 48hour week may have found

favour with the public. Before he left for Paris yesterday, Mr Blair said that the row over the working time directive on the 48-hour week had been hugely overblown.

have such measures regardless of whether it had been agreed by member states. Nor does it harbour any great new raft of legislation.

There is no appetite among other countries for a vast amount of new Jabour regulations. There must be minimum standards at work but new Labour's case for a new global economy needs a different approach to the labour

Mr Blair is bound to come under pressure from M Chirac to spell out Labour's position on a single currency after reports that a Labour government might not join the first wave of countries. Both France and Germany were hoping that a Labour government would support their attempts to adopt the euro in 1999. But Labour leadership sources have recently argued that this may not be practical. Yesterday Mr Blair maintained Labour's policy line. He said that a single currency could be of benefit but there were still obstacles. "A decision will be made in our economic interests with the

consent of the people, either through a referendum or through an election." Asked specifically about en-

tering the first wave, he said: This is feasible but there are obstacles.

Mr Biair also tried to exploit the Tory party infighting over Europe. He said that Mr Major's determination to declare war on Europe over the 48-hour week had opened the "in or out" debate in the Tory party he said. Senior backbenchers were now calling for the Treaty of Rome to be renegotiated with Britain out

of Europe altogether.

That would be a disaster for investment and jobs and the people know it," Mr Blair said, but he warned of the dangers of Mr Major's ob-structive tactics, "There is no point in being in and permanently paralysed by seeking isolation as a badge of honour. If it is right to be isolated from time to time, fine. I will be isolated - but it is folly to pursue this as a central

objective." Mr Blair will meet both M Chirac and Alain Juppé, the prime minister, for discussions on Zaire, the inter-governmental conference on Europe and the beef crisis. He will also address businessmen at a lunch today, where he will emphasise the need for caution on extra labour market regulations.

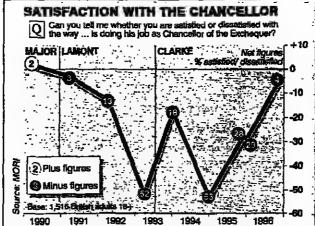
### Poll shows renewed faith in Clarke

By PETER RIDDELL

KENNETH CLARKE has substantially improved his personal rating with the public over the past year, to the highest level for a Chancellor since the last general election. according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

During his first two years as Chancelior, when taxes were being raised, Mr Clarke was very unpopular. In December 1994, the net balance of those satisfied less dissatisfied with the way he was doing his job was minus 53 points. By the end of last year, it was minus 29 points and it has now improved to minus 4 points. This is the best rating for any Chancellor since

March 1991. Satisfaction with Mr Clarke's performance rises as you move up the social and income scale. His rating is plus 12 points among the



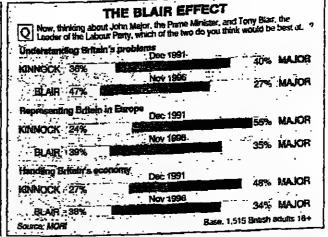
middle classes and minus 20 points among the working classes. There is also a marked gender gap, possibly in part reflecting Mr Clarke's "blokish" beer-drinking image. His rating is plus 3 points among men, while, by contrast, John Major's rating

among men is minus 17, There has also been a marked shift in opinion about the Government's handling of the economy. According to a question asked by MORI very year about the time of the Budget, the balance of those agreeing, less disagreeing that in the long term the Government's policies will improve the state of the econo-

my was minus 39 points at the end of last year, but has since narrowed to minus 18 points. This is the most favourable rating since March 1992, just before the last election.

Whereas the net balance on this question was minus 18 points for the public as a whole, key swing groups of voters were more pessimistic about the impact of government policy on the economy in the long term - minus 36 points among those who have deserted the Tories since the last election and minus 63 points among those who have swung behind Labour since

The poll also shows how



Tony Blair has reversed the lead which John Major enjoyed over Neil Kinnock in ate 1991, before the last election, on understanding Britain's problems, representing Britain in Europe and handling the economy.

In December 1991, Mr Major had a lead on all three: now, Mr Blair does, This reflects two interlinked changes: first, a decline in the number thinking that Mr Major would handle these issues best; and, second, an increase in the proportion thinking Mr Blair would be best as compared with Mr Kinnock five years ago.

Kinnock on understanding Britain's problems, now Mr Blair has a 20-point lead. The biggest shift has been on representing Britain in Eurone, where Mr Major's 31point lead five years ago has been turned into a four-point lead for Mr Blair. On handling the economy, Mr Ma-jor's 21-point lead has been turned into a four-point lead for Mr Blair. There have been above-average shifts among the middle classes and 18 to

December 1991 Mr Major had

a lead of four points over Mr

☐ MORI interviewed 1.515 adults at 152 sampling points from November 8 to 11.

# Tories must play the prosperity card

in the polls, but the pick-up is patchy and gradual. Recent polls have been sending apparently contradictory signals, but the underlying trends are clear -and offer only slim hopes for

The Labour lead has been

RIDDELL ON POLITICS partly because of differences in the way the polls are compiled. There has been controversy over the sampling base: whether too many Labour supporters were included in

the last MORI poll two weeks

ago when the party was shown

cent now. When people were asked how they had voted in 1992, 37 per cent said Labour at the end of October, against 30 per cent for the Tories. When Labour is doing well, some people forget their past

backed the Liberal Democrats. mentions of Labour when its current support rises. Moreover the high Labour rating two weeks ago was in line with some other polis at the time. It is possible that the earlier polls were taken at a time of particular Labour strength. whereas the latest poll has come at a time of Tory strength. This might exagger-

ate the change between polls. However, looking over a longer period, which should iron out short-term fluctuations, there has been a slow rise in Tory support and a slight decline in Labour's rating — but only of about one percentage point a quarter. This still leaves a huge gap for the Tories to bridge by spring. Recent polls point to a squeeze in the national level of Liberal

Democrat support which could affect its regional hopes.
There are a few favourable signs for the Tories, such as a recovery in the MORI economic optimism index since . the spring and a lessening in. public hostlity towards the Government and John Major, But the change is only by

record low ratings. The much discussed "feel-good" factor is helping the Tories but it has not yet offset other less favourable influences. There has been a reversal in the public's ratings of the party leaders compared with before the last election: While Mr Major was ahead of Neil Kinnock on every key

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measure in 1991. Mr Blair is ahead now. The Tories as a party are also seen as extreme. out-of-touch and divided, just as Labour was in the past.

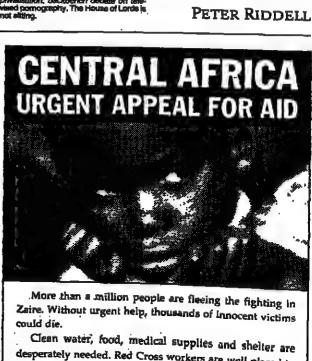
It is significant that bealth and education are now rated as the two most important issues facing Britain today for all groups except the unskilled working class (for whom unemployment remains top). The number of mentions of education has risen from 30 per cent at the beginning of the year to 42 per cent now. The NHS and education are issues where Labour is far ahead of the Tories as the party having the best policies.

The best line for the Tories is to plug away at the improvement in the economy and to underline worries about what Labour might do. While voters are impressed by Mr Blair personally, they remain uncer-tain about his policies: in particular whether he would be able to avoid an increase in taxes. However, as today's poli suggests. Voters are not demanding cuts in income tax.

The issue is rather which party would generate prosperity. Swing votaway from the Tories since 1992 and those who have started backing Labour -- are more optimistic about the economy than people generally. However, both groups are much more pessimistic than the public as a whole about whether in the long term the Government's policies will improve the state of Britain's economy. The Tories have to change this view by next spring if they are to have a

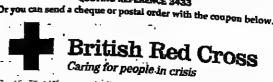
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# Patten asks Kohl to relax entry for colony's citizens

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday held an astonishing two-hour conversation with Helmut-Kohl, the German Chancellor, in an attempt to persuade Bonn to give Hong Kong citizens visa-free access to

The meeting, which came on the eve of a trip to China by President Herzog, was something of a triumph for Mr Patten, who is touring European capitals to promote the cause of Hong Kong. Scheduled for 45 minutes, the talks ran on for -two-and-a-half hours - an almost unprecedented event - and the Chancellor earlier reportedly showed lively interest in the details of the handover of the

British colony next year.
"It was a good, cordial, intelligent meeting and the Chancellor showed himself to be both knowledgeable and interested in China and Hong Kong," said Mr Patten, who went on to see Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister.

At stake is the freedom of movement of about three million people who will hold socalled special administrative region passports from July. Britain has guaranteed such passport-holders visa-free entry but is keen that they secure similar privileges throughout the European Union.

Freedom of travel is regarded as the key not only to Hong

Kong's prosperity, but also to its future position within China. Germany has a visa regime, albeit quite a liberal one, for people from British dependencies and it is clear that Bonn will not be able to scrap visas entirely for travellers from Hong Kong. However, the key distinction will be between Hong Kong and Chi-

this will be possible. The hope is that the Ger-mans will be able to persuade France, visited by Mr Patten earlier this week, and other EU states of the need for a liberal or even visa-free policy towards Hong Kong, How-

nese passport-holders: Ger-

man officials seem to think

### Fireworks blast kills children

Hong Kong: An explosion at an illegal fireworks factory in China killed 13 children and injured 16, the China News

Service reported yesterday.

The children, aged between 7 and 14, were in a locked countyard in Taupeng village in Anhui province, employed by the factory during their vacation to cut costs. Instead of rescuing the children, co-owner Liu Ya salvaged his property and fied but was arrested four days later, the report said. (AP)

ever, Mr Patten yesterday emphasised that the decision should be up to individual member states.

Germany, as Europe's biggest trading partner with China, seems to stumble from one controversy to another in its relations with Peking. The central question is how far human rights abuses should influence trade. The Chancellor came in for domestic criticism when he visited a Chinese Army barracks and other issues have dogged relations for the past 18 months. Only after a recent visit to Peking by Herr Kinkel were relations declared to be on a

"normal footing" again.
This sensitivity also affects Bonn's attitudes towards Hong Kong and may make the Germans rather hesitant lobbyists for the colony.

Mr Patten spent time explaining how the Chinese Army would be involved in the transition period. He said only a small number of unarmed soldiers would be allowed to prepare barrack buildings before the handover.

Deportations change: Germany's lower house of parliament passed a draft law making it easier to deport foreigners convicted of violence, It was prompted by clashes between militant Kurds and police earlier this year, in which hundreds of people were injured. (Reuter)



### hatcher attacks China's treatment of activists

From Jonathan Mirsky IN HONG KONG

BARONESS THATCHER told China's leaders yesterday in Peking that their persecution of dissidents had

shocked the world. Her rebuke came as China's supreme court rejected an appeal against the death penalty for bribery imposed last week on Zhou Beifang, the son of a close friend of Deng Xiaoping, the

paramount leader.

In the closing speech to an international conference called "China and the World: Partners in Economic Progress Towards the 21st Century."

sponsored by the International Herald Tribune, Lady Thatcher said: The recent harsh sentences imposed on Mr Wei and Mr Wang have caused dismay in the wider world." She was referring to Wei Jingsheng, jailed for 14 years in 1995 after being freed briefly on completion of a 14-year sentence, and to Wang Dan, jailed two weeks ago for 11 years. He had previously served almost four years.

Wel first came to international attention in 1979 at Peking's Democracy Wall, where he condemned Mr Deng as little better than Mao Tsetung. Wang, a student leader during the Tiananmen Square uprising, was

Berlin: A court here issued

arrest warrants yesterday

against Egon Krenz, East

Germany's last hardline

Communist leader, and three

of his deputies to stop them

The court, trying the four

men for manslaughter, up-

held the request by prosecu-

tors who said a higher court

ruling that East German leaders could be jailed for

border killings made it more

likely they would flee. The

four must surrender their

leaving the country.

at the top of China's most-wanted list after the 1989 crackdown. Neither man was willing to keep silent after their release and both were reconfined for counter-revolution and sedition.

The rejection of the appeal by Zhou means he will have to serve his twoyear suspended jail sentence and face the possibility of execution in 1998 unless he has shown what the authorities consider a good attitude. Zhou is the son of Zhou Guanwu, the former chairman of the giant Shougang Iron and Steel complex in Peking, whose retirement almost two years ago preceded only by days the arrest of his son on huge bribery charges. The comrade of Mr Deng before 1949, and his son became a senior executive in Shougang's Hong Kong arm. The appeal court disclosed that the

younger Zhou had avoided immediate execution by repaying \$1.2 million (£812,500) in bribes. It said he had given \$144,000 in bribes to obtain permission for his wife and daughter to move to Hong Kong.

Deking: Judges will hear Wang's

appeal against his il-year sentence today, although his mother has no hope of a repeal. Officials of the higher level people's court notified his family yesterday about the hearing. (Reuter)

# Potholers lay claim to cave art

IN PARTS

TWO years after they came across a fabolous array of prehistoric wall paintings in a cave in southern France, three potholers are locked in a bitter logal battle with the Government over the rights to the In December 1994 the three

cuvers, led by Jean-Marie Chauvet, an official of the Mirench archaeological service. penetrated 1,600ft into a istem of underground caves neur Avignon in the Ardeche valley and came across one of the world's greatest collections

of for Age art. Along the walls were more than 300 images of horses. rhinocenses, lions, hyenas, panthers and other animals. probably painted more than

20,000 years ago.

The potholers filmed and photographed the find and then dutifully reported their discovery to the authorities. The news of the prehistoric art in "Chauvet cave" was released a few weeks later, and



the beautifully executed paintings, considered comparable to those at Lascaux, in the Dordogne; were reproduced around the world.

The potholers now say the French Government has fraudulently laid claim to the discovery while the Culture Ministry has made about £1 million by selling the rights to their photographs and film.

The three owners of the land above the cave are also demanding that the state pay them Fr70 million (59 million)

in compensation for expropriating the site. So far, the

Government has offered just

Fr6,000 to each of the owners. The discovery of the cave was announced in the midst of a presidential election and a lawyer for the potholers claims the Government "wanted to take credit for this exploit at any price".

The Culture Ministry claimed copyright to the nineminute film made by the discoverers, and then sold on rights to television stations at collection of photographs was offered for reproduction at

We had no intention of making a profit out of our discovery, but after the way the Government has failed to keep its word and made money out of us, we decided to defend ourselves," M Chauvet and his two companions told

Le Figaro yesterday.

The issue of rights ownership, now the subject of a legal dispute, hinges on whether or not M Chauvet was acting on passports. (Reuter) behalf of the Government when he came across the cave.

The keen potholer was at that time employed by the Culture Ministry as a "curator" of the Ardeche caves, but he claims the discovery was made in his own time, as part of a personal hobby and had nothing to do with the

The Government has produced a document purporting to show that M Charivet was granted an official "temporary prospecting licence" to explore and catalogue the caves.

HACTAIT

### Delhi airport radar 'outdated' Krenz to give up passport manual techniques and 20million. There has been union

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DECKI

THE investigations into Tuesday's mid-air plane collision near Delhi are focusing on whether ageing radars and outdated safety procedures contributed to the world's third worst aviation disaster. Sophisticated air traffic control systems were to have been installed at the city's interna-tional airport in 1993, but much of the equipment has

been gathering dust in an airport building.

year-old radars to monitor intensive commercial air traffic around Indira Gandhi International Airport, where traffic has increased substantially in recent years. A multimillion-pound scheme to modernise systems at Delhi and Bombay has been delayed by rising costs. The new radars would have a range of 250 nautical miles, compared with the present system's range of 60 nautical miles.

The cost of upgrading equipment at Delhi and Bom-Air traffic controllers use bay has risen to more than £70. Tuesday for most of the dead

resistance to some of the planned changes. The new equipment would show the altitude of aircraft instead of just the direction and distance. as at present. Pilots and air traffic controllers have frequently demanded the installation of secondary surveillance radar to give the altitudes of alteraft, arguing that air traffic was rising on average by 10 per cent a year

Indian authorities are preparing mass funerals next

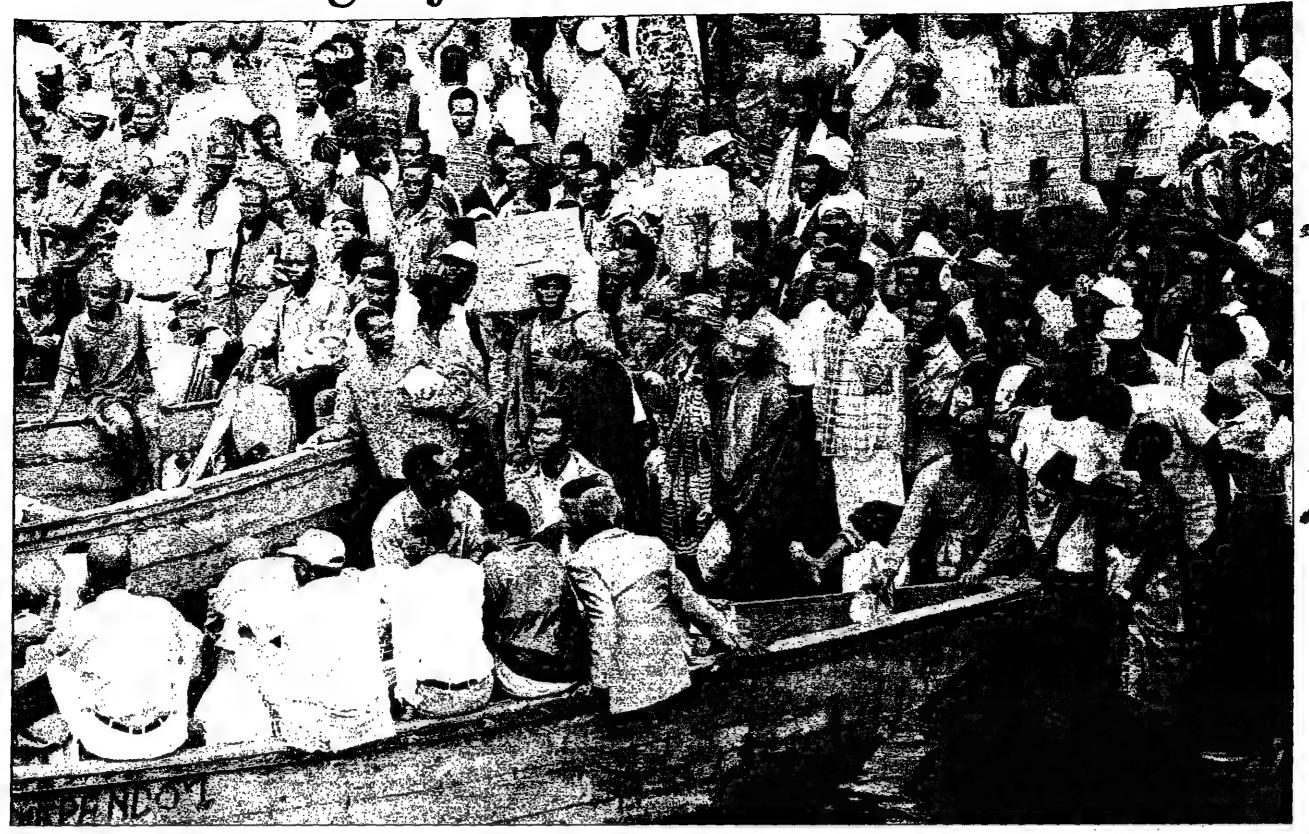


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# Zaire tragedy: can the world save a million





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Confused refugees mass on the shore of Lake Kivu in Zaire, condemned to endure yet another eruption of hatred. Once again the dark heart of the continent is at the centre of the world stage. Once again Central Africa is a byword for famine, suffering, cruelty and indescribable horror.

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Sam Kiley, our Africa
correspondent, has been reporting
from the front line of the HutuTutsi ethnic conflict for the past three
years. He has witnessed terrible
events and reported on the complete
collapse of civil society. His vivid
accounts of war, famine and brutality
have put The Times at the
forefront of international coverage of
the conflict.

# Continent plunges into new horror

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As hundreds of thousands of refugees — the innocent and the guilty — flee the horrors of war and starvation, sucking in the international community, The Times offers unsurpassed coverage from the front line and our bureaux worldwide. And, for a wider perspective, Michael Binyon, Our Diplomatic Editor, explains the historical background to the latest crisis.

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# refugees trapped in the heart of darkness?

# Fresh rebel attack on Hutus drives fugitives into arms of voodoo militia

EAST ZAIRE'S rebels battled with Rwandan Hute extremists on the edge of Muginga camp yesterday, forcing thou-sands of civilians closer to voodoo warriors in the west.

The rebels fired several ruckets at the Hutu militia holed up in the camp. Locals said they were close to overrunning its outer perimeter in fighting which continued for most of yesterday.

Zairean refugees who escaped Sake, ten miles west of Mugunga, said the town was under the control of the Mai Mai, a mystical militia which believes its soldiers are bulletproof. Dressed in white paint and monkey skins, and otherwise naked, the Mai Mai have cmerged as a bizarre but important third force.

Cherabala Lwaboshi a farmer who escaped Sake on a banana boat to Goma yesterday, said the Mai Mai had allowed "many thousands" of Rwandan Hutu civilians to flee west from Mugunga through Sake. They were apparently heading for the rich and fertile Masisi area 50 miles away.

"They-won't let anyone out with arms. They say the people can leave if they put down their guns," said Mr Lwaboshi. This policy plays directly into the hands of the rebels who want Mugunga's



Dithering by world leaders is playing into the hands of rebels bent on Mobutu's overthrow, Sam Kiley writes from Goma

ains is as destroy the interchamme, the Rwandan Hutu militia behind the 1994 genocide of a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

The Mai Mai make odd comrades for the rebels, many of whom are Tutsis because they have slaughtered hundreds of Tatsis around Sake in the last few weeks.

They on, however, have the advantage of hating Rwandan Hutus, too. This stems from attempts earlier this year by

Rwandan Hutu refugees to create a "Hutu homeland" in Masisi They slaughtered thousands of indigenous Tutsis and members of the Hunde tribe.

Yesterday world leaders dithered over the mandate for an international military force for humanitarian intervention in east Zaire. The delay was to the advantage of the rebels whose aim is to rid the region

of the Hutu militia, and overthrow Zaire's President

Aid groups reacted positively to the rebel moves. Mike McDonagh, director of Concern International in nearby Goma, said that if the rebels attacked the camps would

"The UN troops have no intention of getting in harm's way. I think the people who hold this area [the rebels] will launch an attack in the next 24 to 48 hours. Desnite the fact that some innocent people would be killed, the matter will be resolved once and for

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Refugees line up at Goma's main food aid distribution centre yesterday

# CENTRAL AFRICA'S WAR ZONE UGANDA Auzizi Burundi

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### **UN urged** to send aid to Rwanda

By RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ZAIRE yesterday stunned United Nations officials by saying international aid was not wanted there and should instead be distributed in Rwanda and Burundi "to encourage refugees to go home". Mutumbo Bakafwa Nsen-

da, deputy Prime Minister, told the UN World Food Summit the two countries had shown nothing but "indifference, ingratitude and even scorn" towards Zaire for giving refuge to thousands of Hutus and Tutsis.

"The fate of a million human beings is being played out amid the total indifference both of the international community and of the governments of the places these people are from, he said. Zaire was "launching a pressing appeal ... that all urgent action and all humanitarian aid destined for the refugees is delivered and distributed in their countries of origin".

The World Food Programme said that despite Zaire's objections, the organisation was ready to airdrop 100 refugees in eastern Zaire "once the area is secured militarily". However, airdrops meant there would be no control of distribution.

An aid group yesterday retracted a suggestion of cholera among Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire. Erick Bozurco, the spokesman for Argentina's Doctors in Catastrophes, said: "It is now believed to be . . . another type of diarrhoeal disease."

South African military personnel arrived in Tanzania yesterday to discuss how Pretoria could contribute to peacekeeping.

☐ Kinshasa: Two bystanders died when Zairean soldiers opened fire on a Reuter cam-Kisangani. Marc Hoogsteyns was not hit but was beaten up.

ROOTS OF THE **CONFLICT PAGE 16** 

# Bitter experience in Somalia will shape relief effort

drome will hang threateningly over the latest multinational humanitarian mission for Africa, as nations decide what contribution to make towards the relief opera-

tion in eastern Zaist. The experience of American forces in Sofnakia in 1992-3 stands as a permanent warning to all the countries now suddenly jumping on the must-do-something bandwason and offering troops for Zaire. Instead of focusing on a specific humanitarian role in omalia, the Americans bied in solve all the country's givil war problems and paid with

MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT. ON THE PERSES OF PEACEKEEPING

the Zaire force to separate and disarm the Rwandan Hutu extremist militiamen from the refugees encamped in eastern Zaire. Aid agencies argue that the refuger problem will not be solved smil the militia the humanitarian force sent to have their weapons removed. the former Yugoslavia, the

American attempts to disarm the Soundi factions led to confrontations that went beyond the United Nations te. The Somalia and es, however, will

of the UN Charter which empowers the troops to take whatever measures are necessary to implement the mandate. It is enforcement, not peacekeeping.

Like Somalia, and unlike

multinational force for Zaire will not wear blue berets. aithough they will be sent with the authority of the LIN. There are an estimated six million AK47 rifles in central Africa where Hutu and Tutsi

redients, the French who will be participating in the multinational force carry with them colonial baggage which could put at risk the efforts of the relief operation. France's links with the former Hutu-led regime in Rwanda, and its support for the administration of President Mobutu of Zaire make its participation ighly sensitive. For Britain and the other

countries which have decided. after much rejuctance, to send troops, a number of key questions have to be resolved: should the mission be strictly humanitarian, how flexible should the rules of engagefor de- ment be to protect troops from

structure be sufficiently robust with the Canadians in charge, and the Americans in a secondary role, will there be a credible African force available to take over responsibility after three or four months; and what are the physical challenges of deploying a large force into a land-locked country where the political leadership is weak and unreliable?

eography and time will limit the equipment that can be sent to Zaire. Since the nearest port equipment such as armoured personnel carriers, will have Already, there are calls for force comes under Chapter 7 cades. And, to add to these rebel fire, will the command to be airlifted in by American able to fire first. However, effective force.

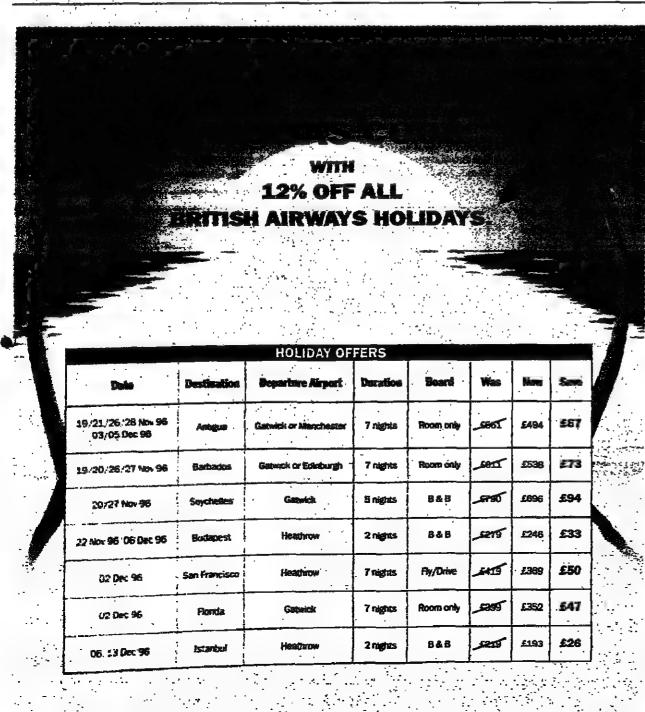
transport aircraft. It will be a huge operation.
The lessons of Bosnia-Herzegovina will have to be remembered: delivering humanitarian supplies in a war zone where the unpredictable was around every corner led to firefights, ambushes and humiliating hijacks in which British soldiers were forced to hand over their weapons.

> Under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, the multinational troops will have tougher rules of engagement than the hapless UN soldiers sent initially to Bosnia; they were allowed to open fire only in selfdefence. Potentially, the solto Zaire will be

they are not being sent there to take on rebel militia but to

onfrontation would be risky and could prolong the mission, something the British Govemment is clearly anxious to avoid. The British contributions to the missions in Angola last year and Rwanda in 1994 were successfully completed within six months.

The positive aspect of this latest venture is that Britain and other Nato countries now have a wealth of post-Cold War peacekeeping and humanitarian experience which





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### Bloodshed, greed and intrigue fashioned former Belgian Congo out of jungle straddling the Equator

# West remains wary of going back into sinister quagmire

for ever fixed as the heart of darkness. Since Stanley explored the vast jungle straddling the Equator, the former Belgian Congo has acquired a sinister reputation, further blackened by Conrad's sear-ing expose of greed, exploitation and sheer evil.

Belgium's record was abysmal in the Congo, the size of Western Europe and the richest and worst administered colony in Africa. It was once the personal fieldom of the rapacious King Léopold II. The plunder of its riches, the failure to train Congolese senior civil servants and the precipitous departure in 1960 plunged the country into immediate civil war. Zaire was born amid bloodshed and

The chaos at independence presented the United Nations with its greatest military and political challenge since the Korean War. It barely survived, paralysed by the resulting bitter East-West rift. UN intervention cost millions of pounds, hundreds of casualties and took the life, in a plane crash, of Dag Hammar-

skjöld, the Secretary-General. The slaughter of civilians. the rape of nuns, the marauding of European mercenaries and the intrigues of the Soviet DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, ON THE ROOTS OF THE CONFLICT IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Union, the ClA and Western mining interests left an indelible impression of bloodshed and bungling that has haunt-

ed the West and the UN. As the fighting dragged on. weariness overtook the early optimistic efforts to separate warring tribes: the famed remark by a BBC reporter running up to the lorries carrying nuns rescued from the jungle summed up the horror and the cynicism: "Is there anyone here who's been raped and speaks English?" Small wonder, therefore, that the world is so wary of

The crisis began within days of Belgium granting independence on June 30. 1960. African troops mutinied against their Belgian officers and went on the rampage in the capital. Léopoldville, now Kinshasa. The new Prime Minister, Patrice Lumumba. dismissed the Belgian officers and appointed a former jour-Army Chief of Staff. Belgium rushed in 10,000 paratroopers. They restored order, but

so intense was the hatred of

agreed to intervene.

Hammarskjöld prepared a "stop-gap" plan to send forces drawn initially from Africa. Commanded by General Carl van Horn, they arrived in mid-July, but were immediately opposed by Lumumba. Days before their arrival, the southern mineral-rich province of Katanga, now Shaba, declared independence. Backed by the huge mining in-terests of the Belgian-owned firm Union Minière and 20,000 Europeans living there, Mose Tshombe, the premier, refused permission for UN forces to land.

Lumumba, a leftwinger bitterly opposed to Belgium and the West, was unable to control the country or regain control of Elisabethville, the Katangan capital. Rioting and looting spread. The UN forces were increased to 5,000 men, as Ethiopians, Swedes, Moroccans and Irish forces, seeing action for the first time. were flown in. The Americans provided transport.

Food in the capital short as communications were paralysed. Faced by the refusal of Belgium to withdraw troops as long as its citizens were held hostage and in danger, Lumumba threatened



A distraught man emerges from his car to plead with Indian troops advancing on Jadotville, in the former Belgian Congo, in 1963. His wife and a friend inside the car had just been killed when the soldiers attacked the vehicle

More troops arrived from Canada, Indonesia, Egypt, Pa-kistan and Malaya. At their height the UN forces numbered 19,800 from 30 countries. They were largely ineffective, however, lacking equipment, weapons, ammunition or a clear mandate. They could not reach the interior or prevent atrocities. One group of 13 Italian airmen troops were reportedly eaten by cannibals. Hammarskjöld and Raiph Bunche, the UN

shuttled between Léopoldville and Elisabethville, but could not end the rebellion or rifts in the Congolese Government. Amid the confusion, Gener-

al Mobutu staged a coup against Lumumba, and the President, Joseph Kasavubu, installed a military junta, Lumumba was held under house arrest. The Russians denounced the entire UN operation and demanded that Hammarskjöld resign. Lu-mumba slipped away from his UN guard, trying to reach his

Mobutu's forces, and executed a few months later. The West, and the CIA in particular, were blamed. Six left-wing countries withdrew their

forces in protest.

The UN forces at first had no mandate to intervene in the growing civil war, but in 1961 the Security Council authorised it to use force. Gradually the country was pacified, although not Katanga. White mercenaries, employed by Tshombe, terrorised the rest of the country as they fought for

forces. Among the most noto-rious was "Mad" Mike Hoare. In September 1961, Ham-marskjöld was urged to nego-

tiate with the Katangans, but on his way to meet Tshombe in Northern Rhodesia, his plane crashed. The war dragged on, but in January 1963 Tshombe surrendered. UN forces left in June 1964; the operation had cost about \$10 million a month - a huge sum in 1960. Tshombe became Prime Minister of a united country, only to lose power to General Mobum in a 1965 coup. Katangan rebels withdrew to Angola, harrying the Congo for years.

General Mobutu changed the country's name to Zaire in 1971. Consolidating his grip through manipulation of trib-al loyalties, he bought off opposition using the huge personal funds he has accumulated, largely from the nationalised mines.

Growing corruption, mismanagement and the neglect of infrastructure led to periodic rebellion. Four years ago there was a virtual coup by the Government, which refused to recognise his authority. However, he changed the currency, effectively bankrupting his enemies. His brutal & shops and harass civilians, shook the opposition; the "dual government" was ended with the appointment of a compromise Prime Minister, Leon Kengo wa Dondo, still in

The Congo saw the epitome of Fleet Street buccancering. Journalists were often in great danger, accused of being spies, and their reports could be crucial to the political outcome. Despite a barely functioning telegraph net-work, no expense was spared. In one typical exchange, the Daily Express cabled George Gale, its correspondent

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He explained by Telex that Younghusband had a monop-oly on the only light aircraft available. The Express snapped back:

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Gale chartered a plane, and

# US intervention risks Clinton's policy agenda

AS THE American 508th Airhome Infantry Regiment pre-pares to fly out to Zaire, Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, confirmed yesterday that American troops would stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina

ministration, is controversial: the memory of the bodies of American servicemen being dragged through the streets of Somalia in the first months of Mr Clinton's presidency has

Mr Clinton, who has been struggling to make the decisions on the troop commitments before leaving today for heliday and a tour of East Asia, is also searching urgently for a Secretary of State to replace Warren Christopher. In Zaire and Bosnia, he risks repeating some of the worst. mistakes of his first term. The greater danger is that he may let trouble spots such as Zaire and Bosnia distract him from more politically awkward

ON THE ROLE OF AMERICA IN AFRICA AND OTHER WORLD TROUBLE SPOTS

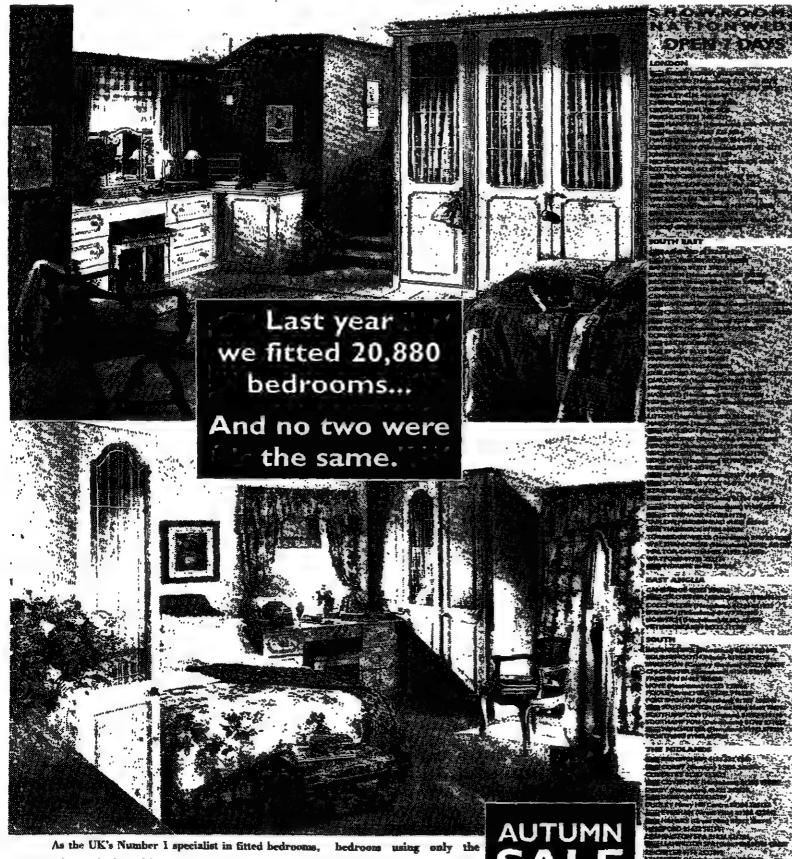
questions such as relations

with China and Russia. The Zaire move, a week and day after Mr Clinton's reelection, repeats in microcosm the strengthe and flaws of his first term: the clear stance that America should play a humanitarian and peacekeeping role even in far-off conflicts, but the profound confusion about how to do so. The plan to protect Goma airport without fighting Rwandan forces may not be feasible; as a State yesterday: "It would be a massive error to underplay

the degree of danger." in deploying troops, the President can act independently of Congress; in passing treaties, he needs its endorsement from the start. If the will jeopardise Mr Clinton's other foreign-policy objectives which must go through Congress, such as a Comprehen-sive Test Ban Treaty for nuclear weapons, a chemical weapons treaty and an exponsion of Nato. In trade policy. he also wants to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement to Chile and to smooth China's path into the

World Trade Organisation. It is clear Congress will give him as a rough a ride in his second term as in his first Jesse Helms, the arch-conservative, remains chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Benjamin Gilman, defender of human rights in China, will continue to head the House Interna-

tional Relations Committee. Despite the political difficuity of the battles Mr Clinton will face, it would be damas ing to America and its mili partners if he used the flashpoints of Zaire and Boshis to duck more far-reaching problems.



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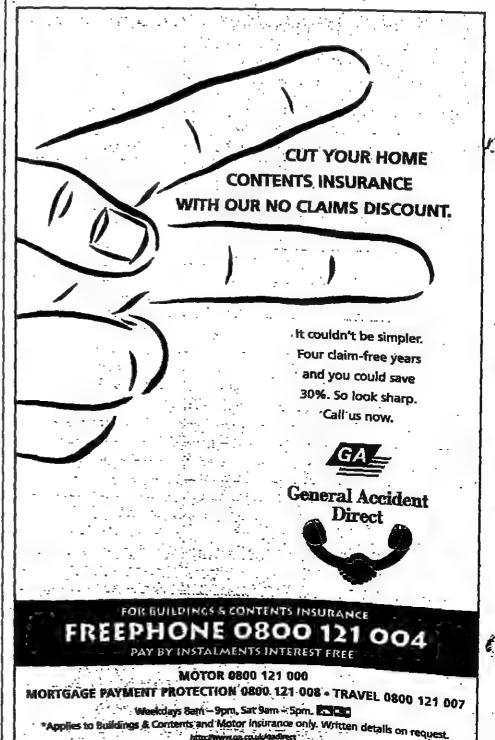
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### Tension rises in Hebron

Jerusalem: Trepidation on the streets of Hebron and protests among right-wing Jews grew yesterday as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators resumed talks on an Israeli troop pullout which both sides see as approaching the endgame (Christopher Walker

Fears grew that a final agreement would be followed by inter-communal violence. In Jerusalem, Jews daubed walls with graffiti threatening the life of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

### Cancer deaths decline in US

Washington: American cancer deaths have declined for the first time this century and experts say mortality rates from all forms of the disease could fall by 15 to 50 per cent in two decades (Tom Rhodes writes). A reduction in the number of male smokers is seen as largely responsible. Reduced drinking and exposure to the sun may also play a part,

### Jackson weds in Australia

Sydney: Michael Jackson will wed Debbie Rowe, the woman who is carrying his child, in a private ceremony here today (Roger Maynard writes). Some claim the singer, 38, has already married her. "Please respect our privacy and let us enjoy this wonderful time."

### Twin raids kill 18 Algerians

Paris: Suspected Mustim fundamentalists killed 18 people in two oversight raids in Medea province. south of Algiers, bringing attacks reported on civilhave died. (Reuter)

### Hope for Peru mine victims

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Names, Perm: Rescuers stepped up attempts to free miners trapped by an earthquake after they heard banging on rocks. At least Il miners are known to have been killed in Tuesday's quake at the Andean Guanilo mine. (AFP)

# 'Acquittal of policeman sparks riots in Florida

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

FOR the second time within a out after a grand jury exonermonth, racial ribting empted in St Petersburg, Florida, hours after a white policeman was cleared in the shooting that led to the original

More than 200 police batded youths, some armed with automatic weapons, who therew rocks and petrol bombs in the city's predominantly black South Side district.

As night fell on Wednesday. witnesses said the city sounded like a war zone, echoing with bullets, sirens and shouts. At one crossroads alone, police counted at least 50 spent cartridges. Elsewhere, a dozen fires blazed, unattended by firemen who did not approach for fear of coming under attack.

The violence subsided early yesterday, leaving one police officer wounded in the leg and at least seven other people injured. One bullet pierced the windshield of a sheriff's helicopter, grazing the co-pilor's arm, and forcing it to make an emergency landing.

However, the unrest was less widespread than the Octoher riot which left more than a dozen injured and caused \$5 million (£3 million) of damage. Wednesday's violence broke

ated a police officer, James Knight, over the shooting of Tyron Lewis, 18, a black motorist who was stopped for speeding on October 24. The jury found that the officer acted with "a reasonable fear of imminent death ... that he was in danger of being run over, or thrust into oncoming

Mr Lewis had bumped the officer four times and refused to follow orders to surrender. the jurors said in a nine-page statement. They added that the shooting was not racially motivated and that their findings were "the only conclusions that could reasonably be Jurors said Officer Knight

was unable to see inside the car which had heavily tinted windows, and so moved to the front to look through the windscreen. Mr Lewis moved the vehicle towards him, bumping him twice "in an apparent effort to intimidate or challenge the officer", the iurors said.

The car hit Officer Knight again when his partner broke a side window. The officer warned the driver to stop or he would shoot.

The car then turned sharply



Supporters of a black separatist group in St Petersburg recoil from spray used by police trying to make an arrest

to the left, hitting the policeman a fourth time and dropping him buto the car's hood. The officer fired three times, hitting Mr Lewis in the arm

Police later learnt that the car Mr Lewis was driving had been reported stolen and that he was wanted on three outstanding arrest warrants. Crack cocaine was found in

But the jurors' decision angered many in the black community. "A terrible injustice has been handed down." said Perkins T. Shelton, a civil

rights activist. "The police officer thought he was in danger of his life? All he had to do was step aside. Instead, he shot and killed that boy."

Police administrators had decided the shooting could have been avoided. Mr Knight was suspended for 60 days without pay after his superiors ruled that he violated guidelines by standing in front of the car too long, placing himself in danger himself

unnecessarily.
Police Chief Darrel Stephens blamed the latest violence on a small group of

activists who had advocated violence if Mr Knight was not charged with murder.

"A good part of the activity ... was planned," Mr Ste-phens said. "I don't believe that this was a spontaneous event."

The trouble began after police arrested several black youths on Wednesday outside a meeting place for members of the black separatist group, the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement. The group has called for the execution of the officers involved in

Friends and colleagues of the suspended officer were also unhappy, complaining that he had been unfairly treated in an effort to placate the black community.

But others accused the police of inflaming a tense situation with heavy-handed tactics. This is overkill, outright overkill," said John Watson, a member of an advisory committee that reviews complaints against police.

Bill Doniel, St Petersburg

police spokesman, said: "If we let the criminals take over the streets, we're all going to die."

### Clinton appointee faces spy scandal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE STATE Department's intelligence chief was under investigation in Washington yesterday over several breaches of security, including an improper demand for top secret documents linking her husband and a family friend

to the Hungarian spy service. Tobi Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence, a close friend of Hillary Clinton and a political appointee, was also facing inquiries by the department's inspector-general over questionable contact with foreign officials including Andrei Kozyrev, the former

Russian Foreign Minister. Mrs Gati, 50, is a former vice-president of the United Nations Association who joined the National Security Council as a Russian expert in early 1993. At a time when she had no security clearance, it appears Mrs Gati obtained two highly classified docu-ments from the National Security Agency, the surveillance monitoring service for the Washington secret service.

One of the papers linked a family friend to the Hungarian intelligence service while the second suggested that Charles Gati, her husband who was then a policy planning official at the State Department, was a counter-intelligence risk because of his Embassy in Washington. Mrs Gati yesterday denied seeking

### Chicago mourns as its cardinal dies

**FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK** 

AMERICA'S most prominent Roman Catholic, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, Ged yesterday after a highly public bout of cancer for which he unlocal treatment.

Catholic churches across the United States hoisted eral busting and Chicago fell into a sure melancholy. The mood, said one resident, shumbon in 1963.

In recent weeks a nation mached with grim awe as the 66-year-old priest twisted in the brosse of his fate. Cardinal Bernardin had suffered pancreatic cancer for a year but last month he announced he had taken himself off chemotherapy. He realised the discase was terminal and he was

ready to die. He jumpssed his terrainal sickness to spread his beliefs. but the one person he could not tell was his infirm mother. Maria Bernardin, a widow for 61 years, does not follow the news on television, nor on radio or in the press. Yesterday it fell to her other child, the cardinal's sister, to announce that her son was dead. It was Mrs Bernardin's 92nd birthday. Cardinal Bernardin's ill-

ness was the most public, and arguably the most inspiring, of drawn-out deaths. He reout, even visiting a prisoner on death row to "swap notes" on impending destiny. His caim inspired people of many religious denominations.

On his last night the cardinal spoke by telephone to President Clinton and to the Pope, who was in Rome yesterday. The pontiff said he was greatly saddened by the death and, in a message to the Chicago archdiocese, he praised Cardinal Bernardin's miting work".

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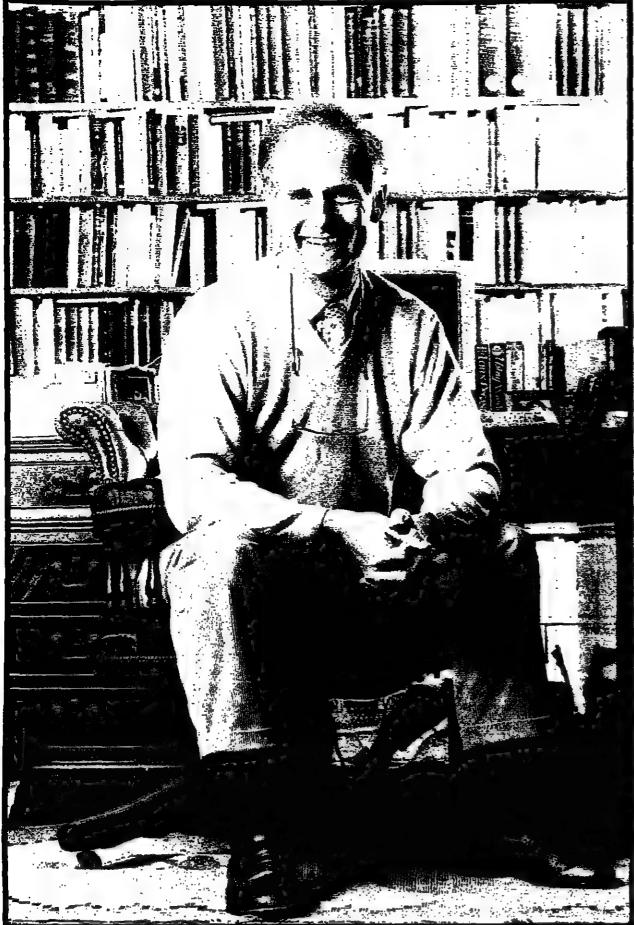
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# Wielding a sabre for the freedom of England

ount Nikolai Tolstoy seemed vague about the seat he is contesting on December 12 on behalf of the UK Independence Party. I said I thought it was Barnsley East, the by-election caused by the death of the Labour MP Terry Parchett. His wife insisted that it could not possibly be in the north — "Isn't there a Barnsley quite near London — almost on the Tube? she said, because he cannot drive.

Her husband, too, was unclear yesterday about where in the country he was to stand. The Europhobic Party founded by Dr Alan Sked, the LSE historian, had only asked him that morning, and he is so

busy.

What keeps Toistoy busy is the continuing saga of his battle to prove the guilt of those who, in 1945, dispatched 70,000 Cossacks and Yugo-slavs to their deaths at the hands of the Russians. In 1989 Tolstoy was found guilty of libelling Lord Aldington, who was awarded record damages of £1.5 million. Tolstoy should have been ruined - but the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg last year ruled the damages to be

Britain has simply ignored the Strasbourg ruling; so his debt stands. Yet Tolstoy still lives in the Oxfordshire house that remains his only asset. The tennis court has a hole in it: the house has that cosy shabbiness that so suits the English country house. The four children's school fees have been paid by an un-named benefactor. And the case still engulfs this mildly eccentric writer who was living quietly, making a respectable income, writing about whatever seized his interest (Merlin, the Tolstoy family, a life of Lord Camelford, the Regency peer who tried to murder Napoleon) until he became possessed by the vic-

Tolstoy lit a log fire. He sees himself as a laughing cavalier; tall and craggily handsome, with that self-deprecating candour which can spill over into naiveté. Some say he is "obsessive, and possibly slightly

His father Dmitri, born in Moscow, escaped to England from the Bolsheviks in 1920. When they divorced, his father married a Russian; his English mother married the writer

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Patrick O'Brian, whose historical naval stories enjoy a reverent cult following. He lists one of his hobbies as

broadsword-and-buckler play" although litigation is now a more consuming hob-by. After Wellington College he read history at Trinity College Dublin. As a prepschool master he would take children on camping trips with suitcases of fireworks. and stage mock battles. He met his pretty wife Georgina at a Civil War gathering; they plighted their troth at the siege of Warwick Castle. They have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Georgina, sizzling sausages on the Aga, is entirely on her husband's side in all his travails.

Tolstoy undoubtedly changed public opinion by revealing the appalling and brutal plight of the victims of Yalta. When a memorial was erected in London Margaret Thatcher sent a contribution. And there it might have ended. had he not become involved with one Nigel Watts in writ-ing a pamphlet naming the distinguished Lord Aldington, Chief o Staff in 1945 and Warden of Winchester. "Sometimes people say, why did you do it? and the truth is I

barely thought about it. I take care to write what I think is correct, but I had said much broadcasts and speeches. And even when Lord Aldington sued me I didn't take it too seriously, because I believed I could easily prove what I'd said, and I didn't really know that much about the law.

"I thought it would be rationally aired. Having read Bleak House I ought to have known better. I had no idea how much it would absorb my time, let alone the risk, and the cost. That showed a very naive

with lawyers the money just pours out like water.",

He was astonished to find the High Court judges, who refused him leave to appeal, were so ignorant of history: "One of them thought it was all something to do with the Charge of the Light Brigade." After the trial, Tolstoy's legal costs were met by the name-less English benefactor. "He's just someone who hates the double standard, that if an English war crime is involved, nobody's responsible. And he was right, because the recent legislation to try alleged Nazi war criminals in Britain, specifically restricted the category of war criminals to people who served in the German forces -

to stop that bloody Tolstoy." Lord Aldington is now 81. Toistoy at 61 may well outlive him. "One day I shall be free to publish anything. Not just about 1945, but about what goes on behind the scenes in the British courts and Government, so the man on the Clapham omnibus can read it for himself."

He claims that his last book, The Minister and The Massacres, implicating Macmillan. has been covertly banned. Even libraries such as the Bodleian have removed their

copies." He believes compromising documents were withdrawn from the Public Record office. He knows far more than he knew at his trial: he has been to talk to the Yugosian Government has released the Smersh files relating to the agree-

ment in Austria. He goes regularly to Moscow and in June he was made an honorary Cossack. "They presented me with a magnificent sabre, a lovely weapon. I by saying I could take off the head of an English judge with one slash." (It hangs over the fireplace in his dining room.)

in April he was threatened with having his precious library confiscated by bankruptcy trustees. "But they know if they ever came I would have the TV cameras of the world on the lawn." As he sees it, nobody dares make a move against him because there would be worldwide

publicity and support for him. So here he remains, in his home. "But what if I were not me? It's independence at every level that counts, down to the rights of the householder. Why are you not allowed to protect your own house if you're violently attacked? I've never been burgled, but I should use my Cossack sabre if I were."

ence the foray into vote Conservative, but I don't urging of his father-in-law: Because I love history, I love the monarchy. I like gorgeous parades and bands and people in livery and heralds. But I hate injustice, and what Hamlet calls the insolence of office. I have good reason to know that Britain is not perfect -

but I believe we have to put our own house right." Sometimes Tolstoy sees himself, heart-sinkingly, us the Mr Casaubon figure from Middlemarch, embroiled in endless research. "The great consolation of my life has been Celtic mythology. My next book on the legend of the Holy Grail could fill five volumes." As a result of all the talking in

the courts, his writing has atrophied. So yesterday a new Some say he computer arrived which allows him is obsessive to dictate to the and

He does not expect to win Barnspossibly ley, wherever Barnsley may be. But he will fight the slightly general election against the sitting Tory Robert Jackson at nearby

Wantage, "King Alfred was; born there so it's a good place to raise the standard of English independence, which once signed away can never be

The nation state is a focus: of independence, and it is manageable. The idea of huge superstates is sinister in the extreme. This transference of power just brings a distanc-ing. And we know about the corruption within the EC and the billions that will never be recovered. I always bear in mind Edmund Burke's words: For the triumph of evil, all that is necessary is that good men should do nothing"."

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# The film that Mick Jagger banned

In 1968 the Rolling Stones' singer had a whim — a film shot in a circus. where he and friends would perform. But the Stones found themselves outshone and only now has the film been seen. Joseph Connolly reports

t was Mick Jagger who banned it," says Nick Haigue, co-producer of the legendary 1968 Rolling Stones feature film. Rock and Roll Circus, selectively premiered last month at mnemas and this week available on video. This constitutes the first time that any version of the movie has ever been seen. In early 1969, between 30 and 40 hours of film were summarily abandoned - upedited and fortainly by Jagger) unloved, "It was Brian Jones who was

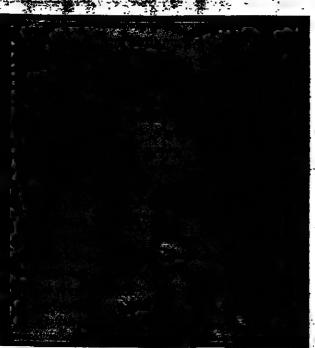
really acrewing up the Stones by this stage," recalls Haigue, "He was out of his tree, Mick ecided that the group's performance simply hadn't been up to the mark, so he pulled the plug on the whole exterprise. I myself didn't even see

A reputedly excellent set from The Who tonce rumoured to be Jagger's real reason for losing interest) was therefore lost to the world, as were contributions from Eric Clapton and John Lennon no other Beatles alas, but Lennon of course insisted that Yoko Ono be a fellow artist.

"It was the most extraordinary sight," says Haigue. John came on and played

s was the way at the end of the Sbuies, the whole venture came shoot as a result of the whim of a megastar — in this case Jagger. The idea was that there should be a vast circus tent and in between the traditional acts, such as firecaters and knife-throwers, all the Rolling Stones' rock'n'roll mates could perform as they pleased. The Stones themselves were extraordinary and almost Sergeant Pepper cos-tumes (even the "audience". recalls Haigue - comprising VIPs of the day, friends of the moment and the usual thousands of hangers on - were dressed in little ponchos of primary colours) and so all you needed - apart from love were huge and ferocious

At this point the insurers had a collective seizure. "Mick insisted upon a Bon," says. Haigue, "But what are they going to do with it" the nsurers asked. Well, you never knew what rock stars were



Marianne Faithfull was one of the many guest artists



Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey, of The Who, left; and the original Rolling Stones line-up, with Brian Jones, in Sergeant Pepper-style clothes play to the cameras and an audience equally flamboyantly dress

having it. We did, after a court

going to do, so I didn't even try The best bit of the whole to answer. They said that beyond a stipulated distance, two-day session is, naturally enough, not on film: "I wanevery foot that Jagger came closer to the lion, the premium dered into a dressing-room very late one night, and there would rise by £50, Someone were John Lennon, Keith Richwent into the case at some ards and Pete Townshend point. I assume he came out." jamming away together Nick Haigue came to Jag-ary attention via his early bit of dope. It went on for ages no sets and a tiny studio"). Now 57, he was at the time the

youngest director on the inde-pendent television network.

and often worked with Mich-

ael Lindsay-Hogg, the eventu-al director of Rock and Roll

Circus (and, later, of the Beatles' final performance on the roottops of Apple in Savile

Row). Lindsay lingg is the man responsible for the final

edit of Circus. The video

version is just over one hour long. This, according to. Haigue's recollection, is no

more than a thirtieth of the stock available. "We filmed

over two very long days," he

says. Eight-thirty or nine in

the morning until three or four the next morning, it was all very amiable, no scenes.

Many people were stoned or drunk, of course — but nicely

so. Brian Jones was drinking

lime juice cut with acetone. At

one point he was playing the maracas, but Keith Richards

had to stand behind him

before the shoot and move his

arms up and down in an

extempt to get the beat."

factory near Staines, which was converted into a studio. The programme contained the Led Zeppelin, and we also had

the project. Haigue went on to

produce and direct two Jimi

Nick Haigue was co-producer of Rock and Roll Circus

lous — I was mesmerised. The film was recorded in a studio on the North Circular Road. quite near by, belonging to my company. Intertet," recalls Haigue. "We built the marquee inside. As to the film having been long lost and newly rediscovered, that is nonsense. The rushes have been locked away in the Rank Laboratories in Denham for decades. That's where we processed the film, and that's where it's been ever since." After the abandonment of Eric Clapton and Stephen Stills."

Haigue then went to America where he became a director on Hawaii Five-0 and Mission Impossible (about a dozen episodes in all). On his return, he realised that Alan Klein (then the manager of both the Beatles and the Stones, and the man now behind Circus's imminent release) still owed Haigue's company £10.000. "I said, pay us the money you owe, and I'll edit and finish the film for nothing, but he wasn't

case, eventually get the £10,000 but I'll never forget that meeting with Klein in his Hendrix shows at the Albert Hall, as well as a 1969 programme called Supershow. Dorchester suite. He was per-This we did in an old line fectly polite, wearing plimsolls I recall but the room was lined with all these grim mafia heavies: I truly thought I was going to be blown away --didn't think I'd ever walk out of that room." Haigue was as intrigued as anyone else by the prospect of seeing even an ganza, but he stands to make no money out of it. On the video release, however, he received no credit and is contemplating legal action. He says modestly: "I am just a hardworking, jobbing direcone off flat fee." (That goes for his American television work as well -- residuals were yet to

> done every sort of production work. based on Pride and Prejudice. "It's a shame that Circus like it never happened. The lid

# The five-point guide to becoming a babe

YOU can hear them before you walk into the room. The place is crammed with tiny black dresses, razor-sharp bronzed cheekbones and

The Cheekbone gang has come to sip champagne and celebrate the publication of Back on Top, A Woman's Guide to Self-Esteem and Happiness. Borrowing liberally from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, this spiritual routefinder promises to steer misguided modern females out of the City of Doorn through the City of Happiness to the top of the Mountain of Clarity — each chapter representing an important stage on the voyage from fat, dowdy no-hoper to confident,

ambitious sex kiltun. The philosophy of the book is surely lost on the Cheekbone gang — these babes have been sitting on the Mont Blanc of self-esteem ever since their first bra. One cannot imagine Vicky Barker, the book's author, ever getting lost in the Valley of Confusion ("The whole world has gone stark raving mad. Or is it just me?") let alone dallying in the City of Gloom (where "character assassins" such as Negative Self-Belief and the Inner Bitch wait to

Even goddesses need a little helping hand now and then, as Anjana Ahuja discovered

pounce). For even though Miss Barker claims to have hit a rough patch in 1992, she has emerged from what she describes as her "nosedive towards the gutter" and is now one of the gang. Tall, blonde and elegant, she circles the room exchanging animated air kisses with a line-up of guests boasting Joan Collins, Bob Geldof and Marie Helvin, as well as a smattering of Taras, Tamaras

Tired of being stuck fast in the throng of celebrity cleavages and keen to pick up a few tips, I home in on what seems to be the most famous pair of cheekbones in the room. They turn out to belong to Caprice Bourret, the gorgeous, pouting Californian fronting the Wonderbra campaign this winter. During a gap in the conversation, I seize my chance: "I can't imagine you ever feeling depressed. Have you ever used a self-help book?" Caprice speaks!

"Until two months ago. I really low. People were telling me to sign this contract and that contract, and people were harassing my folks back home. But now I'm enjoying life. And I think it's great that people can turn to books like these." The soft drawl exudes thoughtfulness and sincerity. From my vantage point on a level with her magnificent bosom, I feel rather comforted to have discovered that even goddesses can use a little self-

 Back on Top, A Woman's Guide to Self-Esteem and Happiness by Vicky Barker, Kogan Page, £7.99.



ince those heady Six-ties days, Haigue has most recently taking the op-portunity to direct a musical wasn't released at the time," he muses. "It just disappeared closed, and it was no more. But that's how it sometimes was. Towards 1970, I nearly brought the Beatles back together to play in a Roman amphitheatre in Libya, but apparently Ringo didn't like the food so that was more or

be invented.)



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WORKING FROM HOME

# Justice for Germany's former slaves

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky calls on

Kohl to respect forgotten Nazi victims

Nazi horrors refuse to recede into history. In Vienna, there is the sad spectacle of the sale of art treasures owned by Jewish victims. In Switzerland, there is the scandal over Nazi gold in its banks. In Britain, there is the attempt to bring alleged Nazi war criminals to justice. Yet one of the most revealing scandals from the Holocaust is only now starting to emerge. It is the refusal of Helmut Kohl's Government to acknowledge the claims of survivors of the slave labour factories attached to Auschwitz and other

While most of the Jews deported by the Nazis were shot or gassed, a minority were used as slave labour. They were mostly in their teens and twenties, and an estimated 40,000 are still alive. The brutal conditions in factories such a IG Farben's plant at Buna Auschwitz were in keeping with the policy of Vernichtung durch Arbeit. The victims were literally to be destroyed through work, and this aim was usually achieved.

After the war, the leaders of the three major firms - Flick, Krupp and IG Farben - were imprisoned for war crimes after trials at Nuremberg, However, the Government of the newly created German Federal Republic deliberately excluded surviving slave workers

from compensation. Neither the Government nor the companies that employed the wartime slaves were to be liable.

The legal arrangements were the work of Dr Hermann Abs. the wily head of the Deutsche Bank. Abs had only narrowly escaped prosecution by the Allies. He

had been a member of IG Farben's supervisory board when it took the decision to build Buna Auschwitz. but denied all memory of the decision. Chancellor Adenauer entrusted him to lead the German team in negotiations with the Allies about Germany's outstanding debts. An obscure clause in the London Debt Settlement of 1953 as interpreted by the German courts - meant that slave labourers were not entitled to compensation until there was a "final settlement" of the Second World War in a peace treaty. This clause meant an indefinite postponement. for there was no hope in 1953 of an end to the Cold War or of a peace treaty that included the Soviet Union, IG Farben (and its successor companies such as Bayer and BASF). Flick and Siemens could secure against Jewish

demands. When the Berlin Wall was breached in November 1989, the spectre of a formal peace treaty giving the former slave labourers a egal basis for claims clearly alarmed these corporations and the German Government. Therefore. the "2+4" reunification treaty of 1990 was intentionally drafted without the words "peace treaty". The Government even issued a formal statement in September 1996 that "there has never been a settlement of the Second World

War by peace treaty". Since 1990, the slave labourers have been blocked by this and by other arguments. Survivors were manhandled at IG Farben's recent annual meeting when they tried to speak. Personal appeals to the Flick family to set up a modest fund for furmer slave workers living in poverty in Hungary have remained unanswered. The German Government refuses to accept re-

alf a century on, the sponsibility, arguing that Germany has already given enough compensation to Nazi victims - a total of 97.843 billion marks between 1953

The Ministry of Finance asserts that it is too late to consider claims of slave labourers dating back more than 50 years, even though it is the German courts that have postponed the claims pending a peace treaty. It hasn't been too late for Germany to demand the return from Russia and Poland of art treasures from Troy and elsewhere.

Still more appalling are the other legal arguments supported by the German authorities to resist the claims of 22 Auschwitz survivors in two continuing test cases. These arguments deny — or at least minimise — some central features of the Holocaust, Ignoring the cruel conditions in the concentration camps, the German Government maintains that the factories at Auschwitz did not violate international law and that the Slavery Agreement of 1926 included a fundamental permission of forced labour for public purposes".

Two further legal technicalities are put forward to block the rights of these slave labourers. First, the Government's lawyers insist that since Auschwitz was not legally within German territory, but in Poland, claims must be made

through the Polish rather than the German courts. At the same time. Germany in-Germany is sists that it has no further obligations to meet minimising Polish claims. Second, Germany's social sec-urity rules mean that slave labourers from Auschwitz Auschwitz or the Lodz ghetto who have survived are not entitled to German pensions, since

the cruel

regime

no insurance stamps were paid on their behalf. By contrast, wartime insurance payments were made on behalf of their German overseers who - like members of the SS are therefore entitled to pensions.

t is not only the survivors who are outraged by these legal stratagems. An active minor-L ity of Germans, especially the young, are equally troubled. A recent meeting convened by the Catholic Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart drew representatives from all the main German churches, from Jewish bodies, and from an impressive variety of German organisations devoted to Holocaust remembrance and education and to active measures to support the claims of the surviving slave labourers.

Both the Jewish and the German groups insist that the unresolved issue of compensation for Nazi slave labour is vital for several reasons. Some elderly survivors. especially in Central and Eastern Europe, are living in poverty. For others, mainly in Western Europe, Israel and the United States, the compensation is symbolic. It is intolerable for many survivors that their oppressors are receiving benefits which they are denied. Many Auschwitz and Belsen survivors also fear that if the companies which participated in the Holocaust are protected, today's war criminals and would-be perpetrators of genocide will believe they are immune.

The German Government must take decisive action to remove the legal blockages obstructing the cases of surviving slaves of the Nazi regime. Otherwise, Germany's claim to be a trustworthy member of the European family will have a



"Which is the party of tax cuts & low inflation?"

"Pass..."

Ran Brooker

# Not so super stores

n the appalling number of articles I have written, there is something about just about everything that the world can offer. I have written about wicked people and good people, lunatics and Members of Parliament, music, the theatre, good food and bad, the weather, criminals, saints, liars, truthtellers, drunkards. members of Alcoholics Anonymous, hearty drinkers, teetotallers, burglers, thugs, murderers, lawyers, footballers, gangsters, many of my relations, architecture, opera, New York, Australia, Austria, books, newspapers, paintings and at least a hundred and fifty other things.

But I have never written about Tesco. And I am now about

I begin with a plaint, attached to a dark headline. The headline read "Is it closing time for the corner shop?" The next headline read "Independents face massacre as giants open community stores on petrol station forecourts". And another said "The relentless expansion of the grocery chains, backed by their vast resources, has eliminated many of the traditional high steet shops". Put like all that, it sounds as if the corner shop is not only going down the plughole almost immediately this afternoon, but will never be seen

Let us see, however, what that indispensable lady Patience Wheateroft can tell us about this

The big chains plan hundreds of small stores, opening all hours, plus ping - home delivery. Now small traders' representatives want gov ernment help in their bottle aga the megastores ... The oil com-panies are rushing to expand forecourt food retailing after seeing petrul pump profits decimated in the recent price war. Elf. Mobil and Shell have all recently announced plans to expand the scale of their store operations . . . Each day for the past ten years, about eight indepen dent shops have given up the fight to heat the supermarket giants and their huge out-of-town stores. Burch ers, bakers and fishmongers have vanished from the high streets and the number of local grocers — corner

And, of course, that great figure the Indian corner shopkeeper to whom someone ought to erect a

I should have more time for the big food chains if only they did not

all sell the same tasteless pap

for him. Listen to Surendra Patel himself. He has been running his little shop for nearly 20 years (and there are many more Surendra Patels), and it was he who said "I am worried for my retailers. The big stores have saturated their market and now they are coming back for what is left of ours."

mighty statue) is going to vanish as well unless someone will fight

And that is not all; would that it were. For in 1988, the independent stores had roughly 43 per cent of the market - a little less than half

but by 1996 fallen to 32 per cent. and the experts say that by 2010 it would be less than 20 per

And

course, the fight is not to keep the small shop going or even to knock them out — it is a fight between the monster supermarkets: Safeway. Budgen, Sainsbury, Marks & Spencer. Waitrose, Tesco. (I shall come back to Tesco, but please be

It is, of course, a lost cause, Indeed, it is a doubly lost cause, because when the big boys start stamping on the little ones, the little ones do not put their backs to the wall and make ready for the light they ignore the little ones in their

struggles against each other. Very well: if that is what people want, who am I to say they musin't have it? I have an answer to that, but before I give it, I want to show a parallel to these arguments.

Take Bond Street, and a great part of Oxford Street and a bit of Piccadilly. Stroll up and down. and look into the posh shops - DH Evans. Debenhams, Selfridges (Selfridges is going mad in its attempt to match the big boys), John Lewis, Next. Fenwicks and many others. Do not, please, turn the page if you live miles away from Oxford Street and think this is

nothing to do with you. What I am talking about can be seen replicat-ed up and down the land. It is, of course, that all the shops 1 am talking about are stuffed to the stars with exactly the same things. and this dreary, awful realisation is finally dawning. Moreover, you will find exactly the same things in Paris and in New York, and -1

have no doubt - also in Tokyo. I tried it on clothes, but it goes much deeper. Take the latest compact disc and its latest number. And take food, where the pinch nips hardest - or should. How

many food shops and see a great range of differences? And that brings us back to the supermarkets. Forget for the moment the small man who is

being pushed out, unless he has already been pushed. Once, some time ago, I was invited to watch, in a very large fooderie, the wrapping of the food, it was all spotless, under bright light — but not too bright - and I was almost hypnotised. But not quite. Because, when I came to my senses, I realised i had seen several hundred fresh, cleaned, edible slices of food - every one of which was exactly the same as all the others.

ow it is not for me to lay down rules of eating. Indeed, is not for me to poke my nose in like this at all. But yet the pity of it, Iago! O! lago, the pity of it, lago! We could have had a thousand thousand tastes, all different, and another thousand thousand, if we had never seen or smelt those rows of food which are perfectly clean, and perfectly deboned, and perfectly frozen, and perfectly tasteless.

Turn back to where I started. What did those headlines say? "Is it closing time for the corner shop?" It seems that the answer is yes. But I would not be so sad for the dying breed of small shops if I could believe that the great monsters were selling a wonderful spread of new tastes. Alas, I cannot

There are some who can fight back, though they may have to scour the land for an army of customers, and a very small one it will be. But we must not give in, and happily there is at one least warrior willing to fly the flag.

The story so far is to be found in Gerrards Cross, I know Gerrards Cross well, though I have never lived there, and I know it to be a quiet, interesting, happy place. (Why, they even read books there; I've seen them do it.) But now I learn that the placid waters of Gerrards Cross have become most turbulent. And why? Because of Tesco. To be exact, because Tesco wants to plonk down a space of thirty-four thousand square feet to

Now Tesco is not a terrible ogre, just waiting to eat the people of Gerrards Cross and lick their bones. Tesco has the right to sell its wares, and the customers have the right to buy those wares. After all, Tesco stores are sprinkled very thickly throughout the land.

And that is the problem. In the eyes of the people of Gerrards Cross there are too many Tesco stores. Aha! says the enemy - this is a not-on-my-patch-story. No it isn't, and even if it were, the people who actually live on the patch in question have something to say, and they have said it quite firmly, by organising a poll. Some 2,500 Gerrards Crossers filed into the polling station (this thing gets very election-like) and put their marks on the question paper; does Gerrards Cross want a Tesco on its patch or not? And when the ballots were counted (no gerrymandering in Gerrards Cross!) it transpired that 94 per cent did not want a Tesco, and 6 per cent did, which by my arithmetic shows a considerable tilt towards the cross of Gerrards Cross.

Will they win the day? Perhaps. I certainly hope that they will. But I fear that even if they win and ring their belis in salute, the big boys will overcome in the end. And they will overcome, not because they are too powerful, but because those who buy from the big boys never did care what they are. A curse on every trolley!

### Philip Howard



Zest! Howzat for zeal to zonk the zappy Zeitgeist?

A ecording to the Prime Minister, the British has regained its zest for life. This comes as a surprise to those who never knew we had lost it, or never knew we had one to lose, or have trouble raising even a rephyr of rest until after the first cup of tea. But the word is a piquant addition to our political lexicon, smelling of days when one was advised to add a pinch of zest while stirring up one's Christmas pudding.

And it bears the marks of John Major's own hand. The clever men at Saarchi's would have scripted a far more "relevant" phrase, such as their vacuous cliché of the "feel-good factor" or something with buzz in it, with its Venn diagram of meanings of telephone, buzz off, drugs, sex and buzzing around like a onearmed paperhanger. Or per-haps a recycling of pizzazz, coined by an American fash-ion editor. But zest comes from the same image-stable as those old maids forever bicycling to Communion down country lanes and the bastards who want to see their names carved in bronze with a dim echo of the poet Horace.

Apart from being useful for Scrabble, zest is a zany zebra of a word. It came from the French fashion of adding a thin scraping of the outer peel of orange or lemon to a drink to pep it up. As metaphor for something agreeable and then for hearty enjoyment of some-thing agreeable, zest became a buzzword. The citations in the Dictionary are all drawn from masters of literature. Keats To Fanny: "That sweet minor zest I Of love, your kiss." Sarah Gamp went to a lying in or a laying-out with equal zest. Bertrand Russell defined the word well: "What hunger is in relation to food, zest is in

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relation to life." But the origins of the French Some say it is a synonym for the old French zec, but for vhence that came they offer the etymologist's failed-again zero of "a.o.o." (of obscure or gin). Others offer baste (tulian basta). "Enough!" Some French dictionaries suggest the echoic zest or "Nonsense!" as in in être entre le zist et le zest, to be neither one thing nor the other. One otherwise sound encyclopaedia derives zest from scistus, under the misapprehension that this is the Latin from "having been cut". Twanging a zither at a venture, how about deriving it, by a wordslide, from gusto, found in many European languages, and descended from the Latin gustus, taste?

est, as an electioneering buzzword, sounds duaint and grey to the trendies. I am sure the Saatchis and Mandelsons pucker their mouths at it, as though tasting a lemon. It is a funny old word. But politics is a funny old game. And for more than half the population, who need to have the clever advertisements explained to them, and even then don't quite understand them, there is something reassuring about funny old words from childhood. Mr Major's strength is his apparent ordinariness, in language as in appearance. Grey is the subtlest of col-

ours, and the most familiar to

the British temperament. Van Dyke painted us in 30 different shades of grey. The most beautiful lines in English start: "Now came still evening on, and twilight grey / Had in her sober livery all things clad ..." Generations of schoolchildren had to translate them into Latin elegiacs, a testing exercise, for Latin has no generic words for either grey or brown When Smart Alecs mock Mr Major for being grey and tucking his shirt-tails into his underpants, they are recommending him to most of the population, who are rather like him. Politicians do better to write their own speeches and say what comes naturally, which is what the electors thought they were voting for. Neil Kinnock's finest hour came when he told a television interviewer: "I refuse to sit here and be kebabbed by you." Not only did he slap down that the pushy interviewer on all our behalves, but he added a sharp new image to political discourse, which viewers immediately understood, Mr Major may not have the wandering way with words of the Welsh Windbag. but his grey zest adds a natural flavour to our political

vocabulary.

# Still grata

THERE is an Inspector Dreyfus twitch about Neil Hamilton, MP. these days - not surprising after the mauling he has had in recent weeks. On Wednesday evening he was attending a dinner for Sloaney young Conservatives at the Cafe Royal, which attracted 20 or so other MPs and ministers.

Looking relaxed, aside from his new tic, he seemed excited about the Court of Appeal's decision to quash Michael Howard's refusal to grant British citizenship to Mohamed Al Fayed, Hamilton's Inspector Clouseau: "It's terrific news," he said, to fish-eyed gawps from his chinless audience. Finally, the Home Office will have to come out and say exactly why his chizenship was denied. Then everything will be clear."

There was no hostility towards Hamilton from his fellow MPs. 1 thought he was persona nor grata." muttered a suit to one of the few younger MPs on parade. "My God no." replied the MP, his mouth creasing into a camp smile. "Excuse my Latin, but he is persona tota grata."

 Celebrations of the narrow Tory victory in the Commons on BSE on Wednesday evening spilt over into



Annabel's, the Berkeley Square nightclub. Well after midnight. a troupe of whips and junior Agriculture Ministers came snaking in past the surgically assisted blondes in the bar. Led by Sebastian Coe. junior whip and MP for Falmouth. they did not stay long but left grinning broadly.

### Marjinal

THOUGH I am loath to return to the subject of the spritely Editor of the Daily Mirror. Piers Morgan. his endeavours on behalf of the paper last week were so outstanding that they must be recorded.

When the Mirror's agony aunt Marje Proops died, "Guten" Morgan demanded tributes from the highest in the land. "Not just celebrities, serious people," he thrashed. glancing down at a picture of dear old Marje with Harold Wilson. "Have you got a quote from Harold Wilson yet?" he demanded angrily. A dumbfounded silence. But he's dead," replied a journalist. "Dead? Is he? Are you sure?" replied Guten. "Well get him through Doris Stokes then."

 After more than seven years of helping to plot America's Republican revolution. Tony Blankley, the. portly British-born mouthpiece for Newt Gingrich, is leaving Capitol



"Just got your lottery

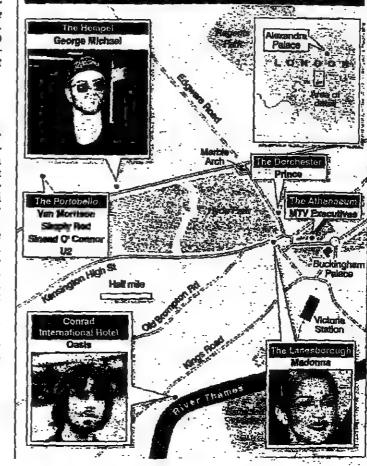
Hill. Possessed of a droll wit and snazy French cuffs. Blankley is said to be considering career options from TV pundit to adoptive father. Gingrich is unsurprised. "At the convention in San Diego people would ask him for his autograph, and I knew from that point on he would fly on his own 747."

### Who's where

NOT since it hosted the rally for Michael Portillo's tenth anniversary in Parliament has the Alexandra Palace seen an event to match last night's MTV awards. The real action, however, was down in central London where pop stars jostled for the chic-est in accommodation.

The hairy-scaries of Oasis were staying in the Conrad International in Chelsea Harbour, the one attraction of which was that it remained free of other pop stars. Madonna, with child, went for the more adult Lanesborough in Knightsbridge. The Artist formerly known

as Prince chose the hotel still known as the Dorchester, while Simply Red and the Irish contingent - U2, Sinead O'Connor, Van Morrison - shacked up at the modish Portobello. Anouska Hempel's stark new billet. The Hempel, had to make do with the George Michael party.



STARGAZERS' HOTEL GUIDE



### **CONGO FEVER**

Mixed motives, muddled aims and a massive problem

Chided by the French, chivvied by the Americans and honourably moved to mitigate a huge human catastrophe, Britain is preparing to contribute up to 3,500 troops to a Canadian-led multinational force for eastern Zaire. In New York yesterday, senior military officials from Britain, the US, France, Canada and other troop-contributing nations were drafting a mission statement for action under Chapter 7, the enforcement clause of the United Nations Charter, for approval by the Security Council. Meanwhile, as our Africa correspondent vividly descibes on our front page today, the horrors of the Great Lakes were

awaiting the visitors' arrival. The broad objectives may seem clear enough: the first is to bring aid to a million helpless Rwandan refugees and to Zaireans displaced by the fighting in North and South Kivu provinces; the second is to make it possible for the Rwandan refugees to return home. But before any troops fly out into this rain-drenched Tropic, impermissible ambiguities have to be eliminated.

Once the troops have found and fed the refugees, what then? Are they to be coaxed home to Rwanda voluntarily, with access to international relief as bait, along "humanitarian corridors"? The French argue that aid must continue to be provided in Zaire to those who refuse the bait. Will that view prevail? Or must the refugees be sent home whether they like it or not - the outcome preferred by the Rwandan and Zairean Governments and almost every aid agency involved in the region since the camps were

set up in 1994? If the task of repatriation is shirked, a repeat of the present catastrophe is almost certain. Compulsory repatriation implies a degree of coercion and would require international protection for those returning to Rwandan reception centres. If the camps in Zaire are not well on their way to closure before the troops pull out, the operation will

have failed. This fact must be faced now. The second great question concerns the

Rwandan Hutu interahamme militias and their allies from the defeated former Rwandan Army. These are the ringleaders of the 1994 Rwandan massacres, defeated by the present Rwandan Government's forces. After forcing many Rwandans to flee with them across the border into Zaire, they established a reign of terror in the camps and are now using up to 400,000 refugees as human shields. Unless the multinational force separates these brutal militias from ordinary refugee families, they will continue to control for their own profit the distribution of food, water and medicines.

Opinion is divided on this issue. The Americans, mindful of Somalia, are adamant that their troops will not be used for such a risky operation of isolation and disarmament. So is France, which was for years the interahamwe's armourer and patron. The British, rightly, do not exclude the necessity of confronting them. The UN mandate is expected to contain a phrase to the effect that the multinational force will not attempt to "modify the military balance in the area" a phrase that leaves worrying scope for

differing interpretations on the ground. Provided that there is clarity on these critical points — and provided the rebels who currently control eastern Zaire agree to co-operate - the force now being assembled should be equal to the immediate humanitarian task of saving lives. Britain's decision to take part will also help its relations with Washington: a refusal to follow President Clinton's lead would send dangerous signals on Capitol Hill.

With prudent and appropriate modesty, no Western government is pretending to do more than apply high-tech palliatives. There is no talk of an international military solution to the turmoil enveloping the African Great Lakes or to the strong possibility that central government in Zaire will break down. But however temporarily and with whatever limited aims, British soldiers are about to face fierce challenges and the most serious risk.

### HIS NUMBER IS UP

Davis is the wrong man to regulate the lottery

Had Peter Davis, Director-General of Oflot. been an otherwise exemplary watchdog of the National Lottery, then his misjudgment I in accepting hospitality from one of the operators in the Camelot consortium might have been deemed just insufficient a reason for him to be dismissed. Now, however, it is becoming clear that Mr Davis is not even good at his day-to-day job. To the charges of weakness and lack of judgment can be added a third: incompetence.

A National Audit Office (NAO) report nublished in the summer into the running of the National Lottery discovered that, of the 21 checks devised to be run by Oflot on Camelot, only one had been fully implemented. On Wednesday night, Mr Davis was given a grilling by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Alan Williams. the Labour MP, said that the report exposed the "worst administrative incompetence" that he had ever encountered. There had been "quite inadequate protection of the public interest", he said.

Worse, the NAO had not even been given the opportunity to examine the way in which Camelot's accounts had been put together. So it had to rely on information from Oflot. There is some dispute as to whether Mr Davis has the powers to send auditors into Camelot. Robert Sheldon, chairman of the PAC, thinks he has. Mr Davis claims that he has not. Either way, Camelot should itself welcome the NAO. If it is confident about its own probity, it will have nothing to hide. If it wants the public to be confident about its probity, it should relish the scrutiny.

Exactly two years since the lottery was launched, the controversies over its operation have clouded what should have been an unqualified success story. Each year, billions of pounds are being given to good causes at no cost to the Exchequer. The fruits of that money will soon be apparent to almost all in the land. But celebration is constrained by a sense of public unease. What should be the toughest regulatory office-of all is not up to scratch.

Some of the failings are the Government's fault. For example, the PAC recommended in its Report of Session 1994-95 that the NAO should have full access to the books and records of Camelot. The Treasury deemed this not to be "appropriate or necessary". When the legislation was drawn up, nobod seems to have thought about who should keep the interest on unclaimed prize money. Now Camelot is £7 million richer as a result and Oflot's pleas for the money to go to good causes have been ignored by the operator.

Mr Davis's job itself was badly designed. He should not have been responsible for both choosing and regulating the operator. But, however difficult the job, it has become increasingly clear that Mr Davis is the wrong man for it. He was described by members of the PAC on Wednesday as "dilatory" and "unimaginative" and was told that he should be "more proactive" in his control of Camelot. These criticisms come on top of the "serious lack of judgment" charges levelled at him earlier in the year.

Last December Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary, was on the verge of sacking the director-general. She should have done so; but if, as she said, the decision was then "finely balanced", the weights have surely come down now on the other side. She may have been worried about the bad publicity his dismissal would bring. She should consider instead the bad publicity that his continuance in office has engendered. Mr Davis should be replaced.

### **MASTERFUL MASTERMIND**

The programme's passing will be much mourned

"You passed on just the one." How often has the retired teacher from Darlington or the librarian from Chichester inwardly winced as Magnus Magnusson gently reminded the occupant of the well-worn black leather chair that a lepidopterist is, of course, a butterfly collector or that Clytemnestra's son was Orestes? A rueful grin is the most the contestants are allowed: no cursing, no arguing. Mastermind has been a masterpiece of civilised intellectual jousting. The television contest has subjected more than 1.400 would-be brains of Britain to its rapidfire interrogation. But as its inquisitor might put it. I started 25 years ago and now I must finish. Mastermind will be broadcast for the last time at the end of the next series.

At its zenith (The point on the celestial sphere vertically above an observer?" "Correct") the programme attracted 12 million viewers; it still commands six million. The winners become national celebrities: the clerics, diplomats, schoolmistresses and taxi drivers with encyclopaedic knowledge not only of the Third Crusade or films of Alfred Hitchcock, but with all the trivia that furnish a well-stocked mind.

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The programme has become a yardstick of the nation's intellectual attainment: if viewers could answer but one of the speselves lucky; if they could answer half they could boast a well-rounded education. Mastermind has spawned a national obsession with general knowledge: from popular board games to raucous pub quizzes. Mastermind's success has been due in

part to a simple formula, in part to the consistency of its standards and in large measure to the gravitas, courtesy and reserved humour of its Icelandic-born question-master. The rules tried to ensure that no one picked a subject too narrow or banal; they also insisted that those making it through to the next round offer a different and unrelated specialised subject. But wily contestants could do a little questionspotting, especially for the general knowledge round. The inquisitors have their favourite niches of knowledge. Greek mythology is one: classifications - fungi, songbirds or monastic orders - another; painting, etymology and folklore are also popular. The skilled competitor has to shave seconds off each answer: a single word is better than a sentence, a pass better than waiting for a word on the tip of the tongue. The winners have set standards for the nation to emulate: and when Mastermind ends, a smart intellect will surely dream up a successor - Fastermind, perhaps - to

### TERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Zaire: protection of aid 'not enough'

From the International Director

Sir. As an aid agency active in Central Africa Oxfam is passionately commit-ted to bringing humanitarian assis-tance at the earliest opportunity to those who have a right to it -Rwandan refugees and displaced Zaireans alike. But we must also strongly warn the international community and the British public that aid alone will not be enough. Unless permanent solutions are found to the deep-seated political crisis now spreading further across the whole region, there is no prospect of a quick end to such suffering. We welcome the decision of Britain

and the United States to join Canada in a military intervention to secure and protect humanitarian assistance (report, November 14), but we believe its mandate should not be confined solely to that aim. It must also make a key contribution to the efforts of the UN Special Envoy and others to achieve a political settlement in the re-gion. Humanitarian, military and political strategies must work to-

Crucially this means that the inter-vention force should be mandated to disarm the genocidal militia and forces of the former Rwandan regime. These elements are responsible for up to one million deaths in Rwarida in 1994, have destabilised the region from their base in the camps, and continue to entrap the refugees, even at the cost of death by starvation and disease. Unless they are disarmed and separated it will be impossible to deliver humanitarian assistance safely, ethically and effectively to those who need it; and the goal of voluntary repatriation for the majority will not be achievable.

Ever since the refugees fled into Goma and elsewhere in 1994 the international community has hidden behind an "aid alone" strategy. Repeated calls for action against the militia from Oxfam and many other agencies who are involved with the refugees - and who therefore took a. particular risk in speaking out pub-licly — have gone unheeded. The Security Council ducked the challenge in March 1995 when it voted on security options, but this time around its members have the chance to get it right by authorising both aid and political action.

States who are backing the military force are saying that they do not want to risk "involvement" in the regional politics. But by sending 12,000 troops into the region, along with a multi-million-dollar aid operation, they are becoming involved. The question is whether they do so in pursuit of a coherent and far-sighted strategy, capable of stopping this regional

response to immediate pressures. The Genocide Convention places : firm and inescapable duty on all states to find, seize and hold to account the perpetrators of genocide. Let the international community be wholehearted about its involvement, and let that involvement be on the side

Yours sincerely STEWART WALLIS. International Director, Oxfam, 74 Banbury Road, Oxford. November 14,

### Children in poverty From the Regional Director UK

and Europe. Save the Children

Sir. Although Save the Children is pulling out of some of its long-term community projects in this country, we are not abandoning our work with young people in the UK (report, November 12). Our commitment to working with children and young people here, both directly and in partnership with communities, is as resolute now as it has been since 1923.

You rightly report a drop in our total income. We believe that the best impact of our diminished resources will in future he a combination of practical work, research and speaking out for children.

The situation facing young people in the UK today is getting worse. One in three lives in poverty: many face homelessness and unemployment; and there is a continuing crisis among children in care. It would be impossible for us to lessen our commitment to children in the UK.

Yours sincerely, JUDY LISTEŘ Regional Director UK and Europe, Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, SE5 November 12.

### Best form of defence?

From Mr Tim Beach

Sir. "Shirov's play", writes Raymond Keene, your chess correspondent, commenting on the Fontys tournament (November 11), "blended erudition and violence in pleasing measure". I am sure we all know what he means, but the image that comes to mind is of a gratified superior reporting on the performance of a Soviet commissar or a Spanish inquisitor.

Yours faithfully. ПМ ВЕАСН, 253 Selhurst Road, SE25. Navember 12.

Letters for publication may

### Homosexuals and the Church

Sir. After all the commotion sirsir, Amer all the commontant sire is not a sin or a crime. But that is rounding Mrs Anne Patients Phonehi shocking new. Inappropriate sexual for the Day broadest, and the impropriate sexual or pending Southwest Castednal sire desires, whether homosexual or pending Southwest Castednal sire desires, whether homosexual or pending southwest to sead 1999. The pending to see that is still the view of most article. Broad enotion for gay the sexual according to the Sexual Attitudes about perior of gay Christians home. about pairs of gay Christians living quietly together could well be applied to the Church of England as a whole. As a member, I am saddened by the picture of our Church painted by the media. Schismatic, intolerant, quar-

is not so. All over the country there are hardworking clergy caring for their parishioners, wellsupported by their lay people. They don't hit the headlines, but they are a force for good. Our broad Church encompasses a whole area of middle ground, as well as the conservative evangelical group Re-form and the Gay Christian Movement. This has always been one of our

relling (as at Lincoln); why should

anyone want to join us? But the reality

Yours sincerely, MARY ROSE de LISLE, Stockerston Hall. Oakham, Leicestershire.

strong points throughout history.

From the Reverend David Holloway Sir, Libby Purves is confusing in her discussion of homosexuality. It is true

From Mrs Mary Rose de Lisle ... that more or less universally there is an acceptance that homosexual de-Sire is not a sin or a crime". But that is

> According to the Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles survey (Blackwell, Ox-ford; 1994, p241), the great majority of men in Britain (70 per cent) think that sex between two men is always or mostly wrong. Well over half (58 per cent) of women think the same. In America, according to the 1989 General Social Survey, threequarters of the respondents thought homosexual acts were always or almost always wrong.

Libby Purves implies that South-wark Cathedral on Saturday will be full of mostly "mild, thoughtful, morally rather conventional people". But the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, as well as publicising the celebration at Southwark, also publicises literature that encourages what Libby Purves describes as the "freewheeling, cruising, cottaging, chubbing" lifestyle.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HOLLOWAY. (Vicar of Jesmond; Council member, Reform), Otterburn Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne. November 12.

### Gurkha ruling is 'mean and shabby'

From Air Vice-Marshal Edward Crew

Sir, I was dismayed to read your report that the Gurkhas now stationed in Hong Kong are to be withdrawn to Britain unaccompanied by their families when the colony is returned to China (November 13; see also leading article same day).

Anyone who has served in any theatre where Gurkhas were also serving knows very well their quality as soldiers, and the debt that this country owes them. They have fought with us in two world wars as well as many smaller campaigns in recent years - the Falklands, Malaya and Borneo among others. Several bave, won the VC, the last comparatively

recently in Borneo. Surely we can treat these men more generously. There has been — and still ample time and ample accommodation to make proper provision for these men and their families. Obviously there are occasions when unaccompanied service is necessary. But a preplanned redeployment to

Britain is not one of them. There is still time to reconsider this

work done for a solicitor by an articled

clerk, that done by a Bar pupil is rare-

If the efforts of an advanced pupil

are in fact used, then he is entitled to a

ago the pupil would pay him a nomin-

ly of value except to himself.

Bar pupillage

David McCarthy

From His Honour Judge

sary funding. Nowadays the master

Sir, William Healing ("The battle for the Bar", November 5) complains that "only half of all [Bar] pupils get a sub-sistence wage of £6,000 a year". His choice of words betrays a common misunderstanding which the Bar it-self has done little to dispel. No pupil barrister receives a wage. There is no reason why he should. He is not employed by anyone. Unlike the

> Either way, it remains a personal dit from one human being to another. Perhaps we should not be surprised if the children of the welfare state find that difficult to understand.

proportion of his master's fee. By contrast, if a master does his job proper Yours faithfully. (and almost all of them do) he will DAVID MCCARTHY. spend many hours teaching the pupil. Because the master is self-employed those hours represent money out of his own pocket. Until some 20 years

### Gas price control

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir. The gas regulator Clare Spottiswoode (Business, November 9) describes her decision on gas supply price control, which will apparently reduce the average domestic gas bill by a further £7, as good news for customers and good news for British Gas. Perhaps. But it is unlikely to be good news for the environment.

Over the past ten years, the price of gas paid by commercial customers has dropped in real terms by 55 per cent. When prices fall, pressure to use fuel carefully eases. Based upon the Government's own calculations, these reductions have led to businesses consuming 22 per cent more gas than they might have done, had prices remained constant.

Gas is a fossil fuel. It is therefore nor just a finite resource; its consumption is also one of the main causes of climate change. More profligate use of gas means more carbon dioxide and methanes in the atmosphere.

The gas regulator, in addition to her duty to promote competition, is charged with promoting efficient use. and with protecting the physical environment. By concentrating upon reducing the cost per unit of gas, we believe she is devoting insufficient attention to these other duties.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW WARREN Director: Association for the Conservation of Energy. Westgate House, Prebend Street, NI. Yours etc.

apparently rather mean and shabby

decision. I hope this will be done.

EDWARD CREW, 13 Silver Street. Tetbury, Gloucestershire. November 13.

From Mr.C. R. Barnett Sir, Given their long, loyal and distinguished service to the country, of course the Gurkhas should be accommodated in Britain.

However, adapting the new quar-ters at John Moore Barracks in Folkestone, as you suggest, is unnecessary. Simply releasing some of the thousands of married quarters which have remained empty — in the case of the 120 at Old Park Barracks in Dover for years, not months - would solve the problem.

Yours faithfully, C. R. BARNETT (Director of Health and Housing). Dover District Council. White Cliffs Business Park,

Dover, Kent.

al fee, traditionally 100 guineas, for these enormously valuable services. Those without private means (like most of us) did other work before coming to the Bar and saved up the neces-

provides his services entirely free of The £6,000 therefore is not remuneration, it is an allowance provided by working barristers from their personal earnings. It is not a necessary overhead: it is a gift. Some barristers contribute out of a sense of moral obligation, others because of pragmatic

Stoke on Trent Crown Court. Bethesda Street, Hanley. Stoke on Trent. Staffordshire. November 9

### Library funding

From the Chairman of Arlescy Town

Sir, I expect Anne Campbell and other MPs (letter, November II) mean well in their concern to have a computer terminal in every library. Arlesey is not alone in its campaign to keep its threatened local library (which is also the school library) open at all. Please, MPs, campaign for the whole public library service, not least in rural

Yours faithfully, F. HARROWELL, Chairman, Arlesey Town Council, 30 Station Road Arlesey, Bedfordshire. November 11.

### Reader loyalty

From Mr Peter Miles

Sir, Filling in The Times Ovestionnaire, enclosed with Saturday's issue. I was asked how often I buy certain newspapers. Since I do not buy The Daily Telegraph, should I have ticked "less

than once a week" or "never" - or Yours still faithfully,

PETER MILES, 71 Lynton Avenue. West Ealing, W13. November 12

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### 'Naked' future for Stone of Scone

From Professor Emeritus G. D. S. Henderson, FSA, and Dr I. B. Henderson, FSAScot

Sir. However picturesquely the Scottish establishment dresses up the reception and relocation of the Stone of Scone, its disassociation from the Chair of St Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey marks a real cultural loss and diminution of our nation's sense of the past. We write as Scots who have spent much of their working lives, in, the study and interpretation of the history and art of medieval Scotland.

The Stone of Scone's authenticity, to say nothing of its visual impact, is wholly bound up in its physical relation with the wooden chair, fully documented as being custom-built to house it in the year 1300, "made fut fyne" by the leading craftsmen of the time. The resulting reliquary throne, solemnly placed alongside the shrine of a royal saint, fias been until now a unique survivor and one of the most venerable objects in Western Europe. Even from the point of view of the history of furniture, the status of St

Edward's Chair has been pretty high.
That this interesting and significent, not to say sacred, complex which, incidentally, under King James VI and I was taken to symbolise the union of the Scottish and English crowns - should be so easily violated, with no obvious logic or excuse, indicates an unwelcome new roughness, in place of the accustomed informed caution, in the official handling and disposal of "heritage" materials. The arguments for not removing the Stone from Westminster Abbey have been little canvassed in public, and it is now too

late to do so. Whatever pseudo-medieval, nec-essarily speculative, late 20th-century visual presentation is now contrived for it, the Stone of Scone has been effectively stripped of 700 years of genuine historical context and of a setting of transcendental beauty and decorum: In Edinburgh it will simply be exposed "in all its naked improbability", to lift a phrase from W. Skene's classic article on the Stone. published in 1869.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE HENDERSON, L B. HENDERSON-University of Cambridge, Department of History of Art. Scroope Terrace, Cambridge. November II.

### NHS aftercare ...

From Mr P. A. Pennant-Rea

Sir, In contrast to the elderly man mentioned by Ms Tessa Jowell, MP old man who came out of hospital three weeks ago after an operation. I was returned home in an ambulance (with one other patient) accompanied by the driver, a paramedic and a nurse who was responsible for handing over to my wife all my medication. Awaiting me was the occupational

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therapeutic equipment I would need. On almost every day since, a member of the district nursing service has been to my house with all the necessary dressings to replace the discarded ones. I have been attended almost every morning by a member of the community care services whose help in washing, dressing and bed-making has been much appreciated. My doctor has also called to see me. If Ms Jowell can tell me of any other National Health Service which can

approach ours in general efficiency, I

shall be glad to hear from her. Yours truly, P. A. PENNANT-REA. 7 Broadlands Court, Bourton-on-the-Water Cheltenham Gloucestershire November 12.

### Socks appeal

From Mrs Liz Calvert Smith

Sir. Whilst researching an article on old remedies, I discovered this 19thcentury one which may be of some help to those who suffer from foot odour (Dr Stuttaford, November 11): The unpleasant odour from perspiring feet may be prevented by sprinkling oatmeal in the socks, as used in the army; or, sprinkle bran in the socks frequently. Try either with good

Who knows, it may work. Yours faithfully, LIZ CALVERT SMITH, 7 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruislip, Middlesex. November II.

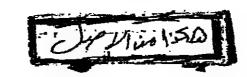
### 48-hour week

From Mr-David Green

Sir, I dare say that professional institutes representing solicitors and ac-countants are sending out advice leaflets as a matter of urgency, to reassure members that under the new EU ruling they are not obliged to work 48 hours per week and take three weeks holiday a year (letters, November 14); furthermore the directive has no bearing on the total number of hours per week chargeable.

Sighs of relief will be heard rattling windows all over the country.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN, o) Windfiill Road.





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 14: General Sir John Wilsey was received by The Queen

upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief Headquarters Land Command. His Excellency Monsieur Yao Attoungbre and Madame Attoungbut were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as

Ambassador from the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the Court of St His Excellency Mr Ben Ulenga was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as Commissioner for the Republic of Namibia in London.

Mrs Ulenga was also received by Her Majesty. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

Mr Peter Redgrove was received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented him with The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry.

The Poet Laureate (Mr Ted

Hughes) was present.
The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr David Colvin (the Kingdom of Belgium). Mr Basil Eastwood (the Syrian Arab Republic) and Mr David Manning (the State of

Mrs Colvin and Mrs Manning were also received by The Queen.
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Mrs Wilde was also received by

The Queen.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council at the International Convention Centre. Birmingham. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

His Royal Highness. Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner at the Birmingham Botani-cal Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingha

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Brigadier Alan Breitmeyer (Hon orary Member of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms) at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Clifton (formerly Clerk of the Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms) which was held in All Saints Church, Dummer, today,

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 14: The Prince Edward. ustee, today attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

November 14: The Princess Royal. President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Lanarkshire Carers Centre. 36 Cadzow Street, Hamilton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lanarkshire (Mr Hutchison Sneddon).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended a fund-raising Luncheon at the Merchants House. West George Street. Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally. the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE -- the National Dealblind and Rubella Association, later visited the Sense Day Centre.

Her Royal Highness, President, aherwards visined Clarence Court. Crow Road. Broomhill, Glasgow. to receive a cheque on behalf of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers from Ashbourne Homes.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, subsequently attended a Fund-raising Reception at City Chambers, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness, President, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, this evening attended the Annual Dinner at the Forte Posthouse Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, CLARENCE HOUSE

November 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), was present this evening at a Reception given by the London Branch of The Black Watch Association at the

Victory Services Club.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox Major Charles MacEwar ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 1-1: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales. KENSINGTON PALACE

November 14: The Duke Gloucester, President, Institute of Advanced Motorists, attended a luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE November 14: The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the National Electronics Council, this evening attended the Mountbatten Memorial Lec-ture, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2

The Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:

I o be I INT Aubrey Leland Oakes. Beron Buxton of Alsa, MC. MYO

Angela Thirze Margaret, Mrs Glacometti.

### Service dinners

RN College Greenwich

Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rubbi, was the principal guest at a mess guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Navai College Greenwich. Commander J.M.C. Maughan, Commander of the College, presided.

The Black Watch Association

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch, was received by Brigadier G.C. Barnett, Colonel of the Regiment, and Colonel R.I.L. Ker, chairman of the London branch of the Black Watch Association, at a reception held last night at the Victory Services Club before the annual dinner of the London branch of the Black Watch Association.

Batti-Wallahs' Society

Commodure A.J.C. Morrow, RN. Commanding Officer of HMY Britannia was the guest speaker at the anniversary ladies' luncheon of the Batti-Wallahs' Society held vesterday at No i Whitehall Place. Mr Kenneth Druce, president of the society, was in the chair, Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Watson also



Strong attraction: shire horses from Bradford Industrial Museum ploughing the walled garden at Harewood House, near Leeds, yesterday in preparation for four Sunday exhibition ploughs, starting this weekend. The garden is rarely open to the public

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Phillips is 19 years old today.

Mr Ed Asner, actor, 67: Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist. 60; Mr John M.
Banfield, chairman, Mobil Oil
Company, 49; Mr Daniel
Barenboim, pianist and conductor, player, 33; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former Director-General, NEDO, 74: Miss Petula Clark, singer. 64: Mr André Deutsch, publisher. 79: Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer. 62: Mr Tibor Fischer, author. 37: Mr Martin Hammend, Handmasser. Trans Hammond, Headmaster, Ton-bridge School, 52; Miss Paula Kahn, former chairman and chief kann, hormer chairman and chief executive. Longman Group, 56; Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland, 42: Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 58; Sir Alistair Mackechnie, chanered accountant, 62; Mr Tim Pears, writer, 40; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, hasten accountant, 77. chartered accountant, 77; Major-General J.K. Shepheard, 88; Canon Eric Staples, former Chap-lain to the Queen, 86; Mr Ralph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 51; Mr John W. Tanner, former UN Director for Jordan, 73; Sir Roger Young, former Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 73.

### Luncheon

The Tablet Lord Hunt of Tanworth and Lord Harvington, Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of the Tablet Publishing Company, were the guests of honour at a luncheon to mark their retirement given by the Directors of The Tablet at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on Thursday, November 14.

### Receptions Royal Anniversary Trust

Lord Younger of Preswick, chair-man of the Royal Anniversary Trust, was the host at a reception held last night at St James's Palac to announce the prizewinning in-stitutions of the 1996 biennial round of The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education, Mr Robin Gill, founder trustee and chairman of the executive, announced the winners. Goldsmiths College

University of Lond Goldsmiths College, University of London, held a reception hosted by Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, at the Goldsmiths' Hall on November 13 and attended by the College's Honorary Fellows. Sir Paul Girolami. Chairman of Council. and the Warden, Professor Kenneth Gregory, promoted the Coilege's development College's opportunities.

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, less station off the Isle of Wight 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Joastronomer, Hanover, 1738; Jo-hann Kaspur Lavater, physiog-nomist and poet, Zurich, 1741; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Cam-bridge, Massachusetts, 1787; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramaist, Nobel laureate 1912. Obersalz-brunn, Silesia, 1862; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laure-ate 1920, Grenna, Denmark, 1874; Marianne Moore, nost St. Louis.

Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Erwin Rommel, Commander of the German Afrika Commander of the German Arrisa Corps in the Second World War, Heidenheim, 1891: Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sacheverell Sirwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897. DEATHS: Johannes Kepler,

astronomer, Regensburg, Ger-many, 1630; Johann Comenius, educator, Naarden, 1670; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vi-enna, 1737; George Romney, por-trait painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802; Jean-Baptiste Say, political economic, Paris, 1832; William Murdock, inventor, Soho, 1839; Tz'u-Hsi, dowager Empress of China, Peking, 1908; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laure-ate 1905, Vevey, 1916; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California. 1954; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, New York, 1978. The SS St Paul became the first ship to receive radio messages, transmitted from the Needles wire

1899. Miller Reese of New York pa an electrical hearing aid, 1901. The Overn Elizabeth made her final voyage, 1966.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, will attend the Cheltenham Countryside Day

The Princest Margaret, Pres The Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will attend the Touch of Tartan Ball at Aberdeen, at 8.00 in aid of The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a Devonshire

and Dorset Regimental dinner at the Army and Navy Club, Pali Mall, at 7.35.

### Latest wills

Kenneth Vaughan Smiths char-tered accountant, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, left estate valued at 52,964,957 net. Simon Alan Spearing, of Cheam, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,159,588 net.

### Memorial services

Mrs R.E.S. Wyatt

The Prime Minister was represented by Lord Wyatt of Weeford at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs R.E.S. (Mollie) Wyatt held yesterday at St John's Wood Church. The Rev John Slater officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Lord Runcie, who led the prayers and pronounced the bless-

Lieutenant-Colonel John Ste phenson read the lesson and Mr Jonathan Wyatt, son, read The Power of the Dog by Rudyard Kipling. Sir Timothy Rice gave an

address.

Members of the family, members of both Houses of Parliament. representatives of the MCC, the TCCB. the Cricket Society, the National Animal Welfare Trust, the National Canine Delence League and many other friends were also present.

Mr Michael Countil A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Cottrell, Chairman of Matthew Clark, Enterprise Irans and Saccone & Speed (Gibraltar), was held yesterday at the

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Father Michael Philip Cottrell, son, led the bidding prayers.

Mr Edward Cottrell, son, read the lesson and Mr Hamish Mc-Donald Lockhart read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Sir Jonathan Parker gave an address.

Mrs Daphne Macdons A memorial service for Mrs Daphne Macdonald, war heroine, was held yesterday at Holy Trin-ity, Brompton, The Rev Sandy Millar officiated and gave an address. Mr Alexander Macdonald, son, and Mr Anthony Goldingham read the lessons.

### Ambassador of Sweden

Memorial Service for Mr Lars-Åke Nilsson, Ambassador of Sweden to the Court of St James's, will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 3pm at St Martin-in-the-Fields, WC2.

### Church news

The Rev Dr David Stone, Vicar, St Jude, Courtfield Gardens: also Area Dean of Chelsea (London). The Rev Jonathan Thacker, Vicar united parish of Bruthertoft to be Priest-m-charge, St George w St Michael, Crosby, Sounthorpe (Lin-

The Rev William Weir, Priest-incharge, Porest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross. to be Vicar. Forest Gaie, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross (Chelmsford). The Rev Barbara Wilkinson, Honorary Curate, Carleton and Lothersdale: to be Assistant Priest, Steeton, and part-time Anglican Chaplaincy Assistant at Airedale General Hospital (Bradford). The Rev John Wilkinson, Priest-in-charge, All Saints' Kings Heath: to be Vicar, All Saints's, Kings Heath

The Rev Martin Wood, Team Rector, Elland: to be also Rural Dean of Brighouse and Elland

The Rev Christopher Woodman, Assistant Curale, St Margaret's, Leigh-on-Sea: to be Team Vicar, Canvey Island Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

Resignations and retirem The Rev David Baker, Vicar, The Ascension, Stirchley (Birming-ham); to resign December 31. The Rev Wing On Pang, Team Vicar, Mildenhall Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich); to resign November 30, and return to work in the diocese of Hong Kong. The Rev Amanda Rylands: to resign as Adviser in Children's Work (Chester): continuing as Curate (NSM), Acton, Worleston, Wettenhall and Church Minshull. Mary, Wavertree (Liverpool): to

### Elections

Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.E.J. Bernays; Senior Warden, Mr D.M. Parkes; Junior Warden, Mr J.M. Woolley: First Assistant, Mr F.J. Avery.

### Lecture

ROSINSON Sandwith,

London Association of Bereavement Services

Sir Ludovic Kennedy and Dr Nigel Sylves were the principal speakers at a debate on euthanasia held by the London Association of Bereave ment Services last night at the Medical Society of London

- Michael

### Dinners

HM Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at I Carlton Gardens in honour of the Particles of Labels and Mrs. the President of Latvia and Mrs Ulmane.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)

The American Ambassador was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at the Dorchester. Sir Brian Goswell, president of the chamber, pre-

Gray's Inn The Treasurer, Mr Conrad Dehn, The Treasurer, Mr Conrad Deim, QC, and the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Irm enertained the following guests last night at dinner in Hall, it being the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term: Lord Renton; QC, Lord Griffiths, Lord Borrie, QC, Lord Taverne, QC, Sir Richard Scott, Lord Justice Peter Gibson (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn). Lefty Greensmas, Mr.

Peter Gibson (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Lady Greengross, Mr. Edward Nugee, QC (treasurer, Inner Temple), Mr. Michael Sherrard, QC (treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr. Francis Jacobs, QC, Mr. David Penry-Davey, QC, Canon Eric James and Mr. David

Machin (under-treasurer).

Royal Engineers. Museum Founda General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer and President of the Royal Engineers Museum Foundation, presided at the an-nual dinner of vice-presidents and trustees held last night at Brooks's.

Fruiterers' Company The Master and Wardens dinner held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr Michael Tanguy, Master, Mr Fred. Whitsey, Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society, Mr. Anthony Redsell, Renter Warden, and Mr Hugh Kelsey were the speakers. Alderman Sir Feter Levene and Mr Kenneth Ayers

were among those present. Printers' Charitable Corporation Sir Frank Rogers, President of the Printers' Charitable Corporation, presided at the festival direct last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Frank Barlow, chairman of council, announced Mr Jeremy Marshall as president for 1997.

### Service luncheon King's African Rifles and East African Forces

Brigadier Malcolm Page presided at a members' luncheon of the King's African Rifles and East African Forces Dinner Club held yesterday in Exeter.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

and Miss N. Styan The engagement is announced herween Oliver Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Barrett, of Chesterfield, and Natalie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Styan, of Wressle, East Yorkshire,

Mr T.I. Carter and Miss H.C.D. Thompson The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Carter, of Putney, London, and Harriet, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Timothy Thompson, of Chrishall,

Mr J.M. Green and Miss J.Y. Salas

The engagement is announced & between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Green, of Buckinghamshire, and Yasmin. daughter of Dr and Mrs. Dominador Salas, of New Jersey.

Major J.D.S. Moir

and Miss H.L. Mallaby The engagement is announced between Major Julian Moir. The between Major Julian Moir, the king's Royal Hussars, only son of Mr Douglas Moir, of Kuching, Sarawak, and of Mrs Robin Bryer, of Closworth, Dorset, and Harriet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Mallaby, of London.

Dr P.W. Robinson and Mrs P.E. Stille The engagement is announced between Bill, son of the late Dr D.

Robinson and of Mrs J. Robinson. of Great Missenden, Buckingham shire, and Priscilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Stille, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P.C.G. Schwerdt and Miss N.S. Fortes

The engagement is announced fetween Pener, eldest son of Mr G.P.P. Schwerdt, of Colombo, Sri Lanks, and Mrs G. Hutton, of Portbury, Bristol, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Fontes, of Dalston, Cumbria.

Mr M.J. Thorpe and Miss E.J. Campbell The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mirs John Thorpe, of Everdon, Northamptonshire, and Emma Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Campbell, of The Level. Birnie, Elgin, Moray. Mr A.P. Wass

and Miss A.C.G. Humphreys The engagement is announced between Andrew Paul, son of Sir Douglas and Lady Wass, of Wimbledon, London, and Annabella Claire Googh (Mopsy), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Humphreys, of Smannell, Hamphire.

Mr J.G.V. Worsfold and Miss S.M. Whyte

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Worsfold, of East Sutton, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs. Liz Whyte, of Tunbridge Wells and the late Mr Norman Whyte.

### Maritime Foundation .

President of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation, presented the 1996 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award at a reception heid last night on board HQS Wellington to Mr Richard Scott in recognition of his editorial contribution in the relaunching of Navy International under the sanner of the Janes Information Group. Captain Ashe Lincoln, QC, RNR, presided and the response on behalf of the guests was made by last year's joint winner, Mr Robert White of Channel 4 News. The Award sponsors, senior naval officers and members of the maritime industries were among those present.

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CRAMPORD - On Hovember 12th at The Fortland Hospital, to Chantal (née Eyre) and Jumes, a drughter, Megan Matilda Zyre. 1996 to Vanessa (nee Toll) and Mark, a son, Maximilian

GOROUMN - On November 13th, to Claire (nee Smith-Carington) and Andrew, a son, Toby, a brother for Camilla and Harry.

MANT-De 12th November to Milly-May (ase Watson-Smyth) and Mark, a daughter, Homor Evis Amy, a cister for Louis Elvis and Hope Echo. MOCKADAY - On 7th November, to Polly (nee MacAndrew) and Tom, a daughter, Emily Madeline, a sister for Eose.

MINTER - On 22nd October 1996, to Sarah (nee Reed) and Johnnie, a daughter, Abigail Mary, a sister for Georgina.

REPRESENT - On November 9th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Felicity (non-Pearce) and Peter, a wonderful daughter, Mary MEAD - On November 10th 1996, to Sarah (née James) and Timothy, a son, Daniel James, a brother for Lucy.

Flora Alice, a sister for

10th, to Flona (nee Museo) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Isabella Alice

RANDE - On November 13th 1996, at The Wessex Materalty Centre, to Caroline (née Dickenson) and Trevux, a son, Andrew Martin James, a brother for

SPELEN - On 9th November 1996 at the Buchman Hospital, Bastlogs, to Sarah (née Edney) and Reuce, a son, Hugo William, a brother for Georgina and Teddy. The state of the s

DEATHS

BRCH - Dorothy (not Lawson) on November 6th, Video of Reg Birch, much missed mother and grandmother. Funeral took place on Forwards 12th. BUSHMAN - Isabelin, infant daughter of Richard and Harriet, born 25th October 1996, died peacetully at Forthpean House on 14th November 1996.

DOM:

COCKLE Geersruida
Withelmins of Little
Chalfont Bucks, formerly of
Pinner, Middlesez. Died at
Amersham Whitehouse on
12th November 1996, aged 12th November 1996, aged 86 years. Born in the Hagen in 1910, she was the widow of Walter Ponsonby Shaw Cockie (1902-1955), immented by her som Walter, daughter in-law Helem and grandson Christopher. Funeral service at Pinner New Chapel on Thursday November 21st at 11 am, followed by interment. Enquiries to T.A. Eliement & Son Ltd., tell (0181) 866DEATHS

CRASTON - Enid Mary Suddenly but peacefully in
London on November 12th.
Much loved widow of John,
mother of Sunand Edmund and
grandmother of Juliette,
Justine, Harold, Tilly, Eliza,
Tabitha and Johnny.
Bequiem Macs at St Vincents
Church, Altrincham on
Tuesday November 19th at
12 noon. Donations to the
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Royal Marsden N.H.S. Trust c/o Kenneth Dewey & Sons tal: (0161) 980-7010.

DUFFY - On November 10th peacefully at home in Hampon, Floma Mary aged 41 years. Beloved wife of its and much loved daughter of Tony and Jacqueline. Funeral Service at St Theodore's B.C. Charch, Hampton, at 10 am on Monday November 18th followed by interment at Teddington Gemetery at 11.30 am.

FARROW - George A., of Winston, died in hospital November 9th aged 75 years. A loving and much loving family man. A private cremation service has

Chairman of L.V.N.H., passed possessilly swart at home da Wednesday 13th November aged 88 years. Will be sadly missed by his wife Gladys, daughters and their families. Funeral Service on Wednesday 20th November at \$1 Nicholas Church, Saltdeen, 11.15 am, followed by cremation at the Woodwale Cremation at the Woodwale Cremation at 12 noon. Family Glovers only, Donarions to Coppercitif Hospice, c/o H. Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Lottingdean, rel: (01273) 20 Marine Drive, Bottingdean, tel: (01273)

GROVES - John Farnfield on 10th November 1996 pencefully at home after a long librest Requiem Mass at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, W7, 22 moos Wednesday 20th November, followed by yrivate cromation. No flowers piezas but donations if defred to All Saints Church Roof Appeal et al. 1 Kenyon, 83 Westhoune Georg, London W2 4UL, (0171) 229-3810.

W2 4UL (0171) 229-3810.

\*\*HANLEY - On 13th November, Surah Ann aged 37, very deeply loved daughter of Maggio and the late Hanny and Jane and Eary, Jerumy and Jenny and Eary, Jerumy and Jenny and Eary, Jerumy and Francis Gentler, Effinghain, on Wednesday 20th November at 1130 ain, followed by private cremation. Family Rowers only please but donations if desired in Serah's memory to The Royal Marsdem Children's Caucer Unit Appeal, Dawes Road, Suttern, Serrey.

(AB.), died on November (AB.), died on November 14th aped 92, peacefully at me Danier Hospital close in his home in Ulverston, Cambria Funeral at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th Royember at Thoracliffe Crematorium, Devonshire Boad, Barrow-in-Furness, followed by a bake mi the Farmers Armo, Lowick Crem, Oresand No Hesengless.

Donations if desired to any Mountain Rescue Team.

Enquiries to Little & Caine, (01225) 58887U. MACRES WILL - Alan Denne

12th aged 60 very suddenly of heart fulture in hospital, Bristol, after a long and Bristol, after a long and coungeous fight against a disabiling lilness; much loved husband of Elizabeth and dear father of Patick, William and Sanak, Funeral Service at St Feter's Church, The Drive, Henlease, Bestol, Bonday 18th November 12 moon followed by bursel at Canford, Family flowers

JEFFEMS MORGAM
Jacqueline on November
12th, 1996. She is survived
by her three daughters Lynn
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on Fridry 15th November at
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SEXTOR - Michael, greatly-loved see of hard and Dea Sexton, that tragically on 11th November 1996. The funeral service will take place at St Francis of Assisti Church, Euglworth, at 2 pm on November 20th, Francis may be sent to The John Taylor Funeral Burkies, 178 Worked Bond, Euglworth.

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### CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, died yesterday from cancer aged 68. He was born on April 2, 1928.

oseph Bernardin was the softly spoken Arch-bishop of Chicago whose stoicism before the prospect of death from cancer became an inspiration, not only to his Roman Catholic flock in Chicago but to nonbelievers across the country. The outpouring of grief in the city when his death was announced was compared to that which greeted the news of President Kennedy's death.

Bernardin made it known that his cancer was inoperable in August at an emotional press conference. He always believed it was his duty, as a man struggling to be a good priest as well as a famous one, o discuss difficult matters including those which others thought the Catholic Church should leave alone, such as. Aids and nuclear war. And, while his pronouncements occasionally brought him into conflict with interest groups on the Right and Left, he was respected among his fellow bishops as a conciliator and mediator who had helped to unify their views on many

As leader of an American Catholic archdiocese, second only to Los Angeles in mumbers, Bernardin became the best-known Catholic spokesman in the nation. He was a moderniser, who accepted the reforms of Vatican II. But he was also a moderate, who believed in the notion of the 'seamless garment" of life which cannot be rent. It was that respect for all life which led him to resist a liberalisation of church teaching on abortion, in the same spirit with which he denounced capital punishment and war. Bernardin served a city full

of immigrant families - Polish, Italian and Irish - and he was well placed by the experiences of his own childhood to understand, their problems. He was born in Columbia. South Carolina, the son of Italian parents. His father, a storic cutter, died of cancer young leaving his mother a

widow before she was 30. She sewed army uniforms in order to bring up her son and daughter alone.

Bernardin was educated at St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and considered a career in medicine before settling on the priesthood. He was ordained in 1952 and served 14 years in the diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. In 1966, at the age of 38, he became the youngest bishop in the nation, when he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Adama. He led the National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1968 to 1972 as general secretary. No one shaped the newly formed

body more than Bernardin in 1972 he was appointed Archbishop of Cincinatti, and ten years later Archbishop of Chicago, after the death of Cardinal John Cody. The auto-cratic Cody had left a divided flock, and a grand jury still investigating his muddled handling of church finances. Bernardin immediately raised morale among his priests by reverting to a more collegial system of management. He was installed at the Holy Name Cathedral on August 25, 1982, and made a cardinal by Pope John Paul II the following year. Bernardin's name was

made internationally in 1983, when he guided the delicate drafting of the Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on nuclear. war. The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response was one of the first signs that the American Cath-olic Church was emerging from its siege mentality, and could speak out boldly and critically on national policies. The letter rejected the bombing of population centres, the first use of nuclear weapons and any rationale for nuclear war. Bernardin called the document "perhaps the most important and timely pastoral letter ever to come from the American hierarchy in its nearly two centuries of exis-

Later that year he first articulated the "seamless garment" or consistent ethic of life, when he took charge of the the bishops' "pro-life" activities. He determined to overcome the tension between the

neace and anti-abortion movements, and went a long way towards - strengthening the Church's credibility on the latter issue, by committing material resources to help women with unwanted preg-

In 1986 he appealed to Catholics to stop treating people suffering from Aids like lepers. God is loving and compassionate, not vengeful," he said. In 1992 he won a small victory for women's ordination, when the bishops rejected a document flatly banning it, in favour of Bernardin's more moderate proposal for "study

and dialogue". Then, in 1994, came a new challenge, when Bernardin was accused of sexually molesting Steven Cook -- a young man who claimed to have "retrieved," blocked memories of the incident through hypnosis. The charges seemed even more fantastic, because Bernardin had already established a model system for dealing with this sort of allegation in his archdiocese, one which was praised in all quarters. Under the relentless publicity, Bernardin stood calmly, quietly protesting his innocence. Cook later withdrew his \$10 million lawsuit against the cardinal, and said that he was no longer confident of trusting his newfound "memories". He was freely forgiven by Bernardin, who prayed with Cook before his

Bernardin's dignified response on that occasion did much to restore the Church's tarnished image in such matters. But it was as nothing when compared with the manner in which he approached his dying. His fearless example during his last months was the last gift he gave to the Catholics of Chicago. It led him to some strange places — to death row, for example, where a convicted prisoner asked to pray with Bernardin before his execution.

death from Aids last year.

He described his cancer as his last gift from God: "If we say we have faith, if we say we are putting ourselves in the hands of the Lord, then we can't hold back."

He is survived by his mother and a sister.



# EDWARD RADICE

Edward Radice, CBE. former director of economic intelligence at the Ministry of Defence. died on November 8 aged 89. He was born on January 2, 1907.

TEDDY RADICE was a prominent member of the Foreign Office team led by Oliver Franks which attended the Marshall Plan conference in Paris half a century ago, A rising young Whitehall economist, he compiled the first draft report which was ultimately sent to Washington by the European beneficiaries of Marshall Aid - a task for which he was recommended by Isaiah Berlin.

Radice had made his mark among fellow economists before the war. His doctoral thesis at Oxford, Savings in Great Britain 1922-35, was held to be of seminal value, not only because of its contents which tested some of the then emerging Keynesian hypotheses - but also because of the new econometric techniques which he adopted.

Some of his contemporaries believe that it would have won him still wider acclaim and established his academic reputation had not the Second World War then broken out. As it was, the changes which came about swiftly outdated much of his work.

The war rearranged Radice's life and career in other ways, too. He had just settled into a new job with the League of Nations in Geneva when war broke out, forcing him to return to London, where he was snapped up by the Ministry of Economic Warfare. His work there on the economy of Hitler's Germany won him accelerated promotion and a postwar CBE at the age of only 39, making him one of the

youngest ever to receive it. Several universities tried to attract him after the war. But by then he had discovered an appetite for the heat and dust of Whitehall and he opted for the Foreign Office instead. It was while working there as an economic adviser that he became involved with the 1947 Paris conference.

He might well have stayed in the same specialist field had he not made what he came to regard as a tactical error by securing a move to the mainstream diplomatic service. He served in Frankfurt, liaising with the Americans in the postwar Control Commission in occupied Germany, but then found himself posted to Copenhagen. Two years as a counsellor in the British Embassy there were enough to convince him that the formalities of diplomatic life were not for him and in 1953 he successfully transferred to the Minis-

try of Defence. Starting as economic advis-

Bureau, as it was then known, he climbed the ladder until he was made director of economic intelligence in 1966. He retired from Whitehall four

Edward Albert Radice was born in London, only to leave when a few months old for India, where his father worked in the Indian Civil Service. The Radices had been in this country since Teddy's great-grandfather had fled to Dublin in the last century after taking part in a failed coup in Sardinia

Teddy returned to this country with his parents at the start of the First World War and won a scholarship to Winchester (where he was part of the exceptional scholars' roll of 1920). One of his exact contemporaries in college was Richard Crossman, while two other pupils at school with



him were Hugh Gaitskell and

Douglas Jay.

At Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was awarded an Exhibition, he took a first in mathematics followed by a first in Greats. He also became politically active as secretary of the Labour Club. He sided with the workers in the General Strike and was with the miners' leader A. J. Cook in Oxford's Corn Exchange when it was besieged by "Hooray Henrys" smashing

He worked briefly at a City bank on graduating but quickly grew bored and frustrated and left to become secretary of the New Fabian Research Bureau. His experience there helped to turn him into an

economist. He also stood as a Labour Candidate for Bitaton in 1931 in the election which followed Ramsay MacDonald's "defection to the Tories" (as he insisted on seeing the former Labour Prime Minister's decision to head a National Government). Although defeated. he remained proud ever afterwards of his valiant attempt. He was offered seats with bener prospects in later years. but by then had moved on to

Radice took up a fellowship at Columbia University in er to the Joint Intelligence

New York for two years from 1933 to 1935. While there, he collaborated with a colleague on a book, An American Experiment, which was a sympathetic look at the New Deal. He returned to Oxford to work on his doctoral thesis from 1935 to 1937, then went back to the United States for two years as an assistant professor of economics at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecti-

cut. At one time he was on the

verge of taking out American

citizenship. On leaving the Ministry of Defence, he accepted a senior research fellowship at St Antony's College, Oxford, where he co-operated with an old colleague, the economist Michael Kaser, on the first two volumes of The Economic History of Eastern Europe. 1919-75

He also rejoined the Labour Party in retirement, having carefully preserved his neutrality as a civil servant. He even volunteered to lick envelopes for his local party at elections in the 1980s, to help to defeat Thatcherism which he detested.

Despite his left-of-centre sympathies, however, Teddy Radice was essentially a rationalist who based all his conclusions on the evidence before him, without prejudice. He opposed strategic bombing during the war because he argued that it would not bring down the German economy. For similar reasons he advised against the sanctions imposed by the Wilson Government against lan Smith's rebel regime in Rhodesia and warned ministers that the Biafran War would last much longer than they seemed to think. Economies, he always said, were more resilient than people thought - but went on to complain that governments

Colleagues often found Teddy Radice rather distant and difficult to know. But he displayed a lighter side when he relaxed and always got on surprisingly well with working people - or, for that matter, with the unemployed. Professionally, there was no doubting his ability. Not only was he awesomely clever but he was a brisk and efficient committee chairman who learnt how to operate the Whitehall machinery make it work for him.

did what was politically conve-

nient anyway.

In 1936 he married a fellow economist, Joan Keeling, whose Fabian pedigree was even more impeccable than his own. Her brother had been christened Bernard Sidney in honour of Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb - and she and Radice met at a luncheon given for J. M. Keynes. She died in 1991 and Teddy Radice. who suffered a stroke following a fall, is survived by a son and a daughter.

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### ROBERT RAPOPORT ton, Surrey, in the mid-1950s.

Robert Rapoport, co-founder of the Institute of Family and Environmental Research died on November 4 aged 72. He was born on November 1, 1924.

ROBERT RAPOPORT devoied his life to a quiet, persistent and productive effort to understand people in all their diversity and to find out how they could live constructively together. This led him. after experiencing cultural diversity at first hand as a lieutenant in the US Army in China in the Second World War, to the study of social anthropology and to his Harvard doctorate in 1951.

Not himself religious, he had deep sympathy for other people's religious needs. His ductorate, and hence his first

book, was on the religious values of the Navahos; and, while his focus was on the Christian missions, his understanding of their traditional beliefs brought him the hon-

our of a Navaho blood brotherhood.

He then taught at Cornell and Harvard until 1963, with a spell as research director at the Belmont Hospital in Sut-



PERSONAL COLUMN

Here he developed his ideas on the relationship between the individual's health and the surrounding community, reflected in a book with the telling title Community as the Doctor. He returned to England for good in 1965, working first at the Tavistock Institute. then co-founding and co-directing the Institute of Family and Environmental Research with Rhona Rapoport, his wife and partner in every sense of the word. Increasingly, they concentrated on study of the family: fundamental to his concern for how people live together, but in the 1960s still far from fashionable as a

subject for research. Together the Rapoports pioneered the study of the family in Britain, which was the subject of all his dozen books

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written after settling in London. They both concentrated on the relations between the family and its environment; and they identified the relationships between husbands, wives and work as an important theme. Their Dual-Career Fam-

ilies, undertaken at PEP, the predecessor of the Policy Studles Institute, became a classic work on the subject. Trendy Marxists were not best pleased by this study of middle-class couples, nor perhaps by the patient, non-ideological character of the work, based on intelligent insights supported by careful research. Robert Rapoport then

turned his attention to the role of the family and the community in bringing up children, on which he published two more books. Finally, sensitive as ever to emerging problems, he began to work on the impact of globalisation and the need to prepare children to survive in an increasingly chaotic world. He organised an international symposium in Budapest in 1994 and was on the point of completing a book on the subject when he died.

physicians tend not to heal themselves, nor do social scientists always have the best of social relationships. But Robert Rapoport's quest for constructive social relations perfectly mirrored his own life. At work he was the best of colleagues. He employed his skill with the clarinet to play in small groups. He was the kindest, gentlest and most devoted family man. He leaves his widow Rhona, a daughter and a son.

### **REGINALD CLOSE** Returning briefly to Eng-land he was recruited to the

Reginald Close, CBE, British Council official died on November 4 aged 87. He was born on February 3, 1909.

A FOUNDER member of the British Council, Reg Close was known throughout the world as the author of a series of recibooks on the teaching of English as a foreign language. He was posted by the British Council all over the world and was appointed OBE in Prague in 1950 and advanced to CBE in Greece in 1966.

Reginald Arthur Close studied French and later education at king's College London, before going out to Shanghai where he took a post as education adviser to the Shanghai municipal council and also worked as a correspondent for The Times. It was while he was in Shanghai that he married Eleanor, whose father was a missionary, but four years later, with the 1938 Japanese invasion of China. Close and his wife were forced to leave.

British Council by Lord Lloyd in 1939 and immediately sent out to strengthen the British Institute in Athens. There the poet Edwin Muir and the novelist Olivia Manning, as well as Reg Smith, later a distinguished producer for the BBC. were all on his staff. But the television series

which was subsequently made, based on Manning's Balkan Trilogy, about their time there was to cause him some pain. He felt that it had trivialised the role of the Athens British Institute which had helped to rally Athenian intellectuals to the British side during the war.

With the German attack on Greece. Close was forced to evacuate his staff to Alexandria and Cairo. But he himself was medically unfit for war service and the British Council transferred him to Chile instead.

His next posting was to Prague which he reached in time to witness the seizure of sons.

power by the Communists. In spite of his previous experience of the Japanese he was sent to Tokyo in 1952 to open a British Council office. While there he recruited staff who remained the backbone of British Council cultural activities for many years afterwards as well as maintaining close links with Tokyo University. He had a firm supporter in the person of Princess Chichibu who also helped his wife in her

work for the Animal Welfare

Society. The remainder of Close's British Council career was spent in London, most importantly at the overseas students department in a purpose-built centre at 11 Portland Place. He helped to found the Kensington committee of friendship for overseas students which. reaching a membership of more than 800, was to form a pattern for the development of some 30 other such committees.

Reginald Close leaves his widow Eleanor and three

THE DANGERS OF **OUR STREETS** 

To the Editor of The Times

The state of our streets is appalling. On all sides we hear of accidents daily which never appear in the Press at all. just because the traffic is in such a congested state there is no one to see. Two instances cross my mind at this moment. An elderly lady was knocked down by a passing taxicab; she was cut, bruised and shaken, and a kindly pedestrian helped her up and assisted her into a cab. and she was just capable of giving her address. No one else saw or took any notice, and the chauffeur went on calmly indifferent to the damage he had done. Another lady was knocked down at Piccadilly-circus and badly hurt. Again a Good Samaritan picked her up and placed her in a cab, and she was just able to articulate the name of a noted surgeon. No one else took any

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The plight of pedestrians on busy streets was exercising readers, such as this Londoner, even before the First World War. She found policemen more helpful than taxi drivers.

nothing of the incident - in fact, it is well-nigh impossible for them to take their eyes off the packed mass of vehicles for a second. Why should I, a lawabiding citizen, have to stand waiting sometimes for ten minutes before I can cross the road safely? Why should I be told to "look slippy" by an impudent chauffeur? I have as much right to use the road as he has, but now ear-piercing hootings, savage glances, and volleys of abuse assail you on every side if you

of a stalwart policeman. "The only class of the community who have any manners left," said my elderly neighbour on the island, and I thoroughly endorse her statement. We hardly realize what a nerve-wracking occupation the police have nowadays, and yet they always lend a parient ear and give a courteous answer to any question. The speed of all motors has increased to a fearful degree and the powers that be are utterly indifferent to "the perils of our streets". We have recently moved my club, the Pioneer, to Park-place, St James's, and several of the older members have told me they fear they will have to leave it as they dread crossing Piccadilly, and a youngish woman who was spending the evening with me said. "Oh, I took a taxicab. I could not face that crossing in the dark: three streams of traffic are too much for me. Really it is a nightmare!" Is there any solution to this grievance?

Faithfully yours.

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### Troops will be allowed to use force

British troops sent to Zaire to ease the plight of more than a million starving refugees will be able to shoot their way out of trouble if they are intercepted. MPs were told.

Amid fears that the death toll could rise to 20,000 a day in Zaire refugee camps by next week, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, told the Commons that if the objective was to reach the starving and if people stood in the way "then those people must be prepared to face the consequences of their ... Pages 1, 14, 15, 16

### Major calms fears over freak inflation

■ John Major tried to dismiss Conservative worries over inflation by insisting that an unexpected surge last month, taking the headline rate from 2.1 to 2.7 per cent, was a statistical aberration ......

Tax cuts not wanted

A majority of the public, including Conservative supporters. believe that Kenneth Clarke should not cut the basic rate of income tax in the Budget according to the latest MORI poil for The Times... .Pages I, 12

Dickensian slur

British resistance to an EU directive on working hours suggests a return to the sweat shops of Dickensian times. Jacques Santer the President of the EU Commission Cold reception

The Duchess of York hit a cold Manhattan on the latest leg of a self-publicity tour, only to be told that she was "Britain's most unwelcome export since Mad Cow Disease"...

So I'll finish

Mastermind, the television quiz show is to end in 1997, 25 years after it started with a question about a Picasso painting .. Page 5 Kick killed girl

A single kick to the head by a 12year-old girl was enough to kill Louise Allen, who was set upon as she tried to stop a fight on her way home from a funfair. Page 7

Carey warning

The Archbishop of Canterbury issued a pre-election warning to clergy of the dangers of claiming special authority for their politics and economic opinions..... Page 8 that led to violence......... Page 17

### Trauma care

Seriously injured children admitted to hospital after accidents have a dramatically improved chance of surviving because of improvements in trauma care, researchers have found ...... Page 9

Escaping poverty The growth in inequality has been reversed, with many of Britain's poorest people escaping from dire poverty, according to official statistics .....

HIV surgeon works on An HIV-positive surgeon was allowed to resume work. Health managers in Glasgow announced that Professor George Browning, an ear, nose and throat specialist, would be allowed to do "no risk" ...Page ii operations....

Blair's EU warning Tony Blair will warn Jacques Chirac today that a Labour government would resist any further directives from Brussels on em-

ployment conditions ...... Page 12 Patten-Kohl talks

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, tried to persude Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to give Hong Kong citizens 

Race riots

For the second time in a month, racial rioting erupted in St Petersburg, Florida. after a white policeman was cleared in the shooting

### Full marks for long holidays

Cambridge dons were accused of putting their Tuscany holidays before trigonometry, when they rejected a proposal to week to the summer term. The university recommended an extension of the seven-week term to give students more time for revision. But opponents argued that 



Joanne Norris, who was found by police in a van on the Turkish border with Bulgaria after being abducted from her home in Hertforshire, was reunited with her boyfriend Brian Hedges yesterday. Her son and estranged husband live in Turkey

BUSINESS:

Economy: The annual rate of inflation jumped to 2.7 per cent from 2.1 per cent putting more pressure on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for a pre-election rise in interest rates ..... .....Page 25 Britten Telecom is to double spending on advertising in an effort to defend its gradually shrinking

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1.1 points to close at 3925.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 91.3 to 91.9 after a rise from \$1.6542 to \$1.6635 and from DM2.4921 to DM2.5102,....Page 28 SPORT

Rugby union: Wales have included Jonathan Davies in their squad for the match against Australia. He last played for them eight years ago before moving over to rugby ... Page 48

Football: The threat of a players' strike was finally laid to rest when the Football League agreed to make an annual payment of El.35 million, for live years, to their ..Page 45

Tennie: Sam Smith, top seed in the women's singles, was beaten by Claire Taylor, a player ranked 152 places below her, in the British national championships at

Motor racing: Damon Hill was unhurt after crashing into a concrete ARTS

Nose-blower: The Scottish-based Communicado company put Rostand's couplets through a Glasgow mincer in their bracing production of Cyrano de Bergerac ..... Page 33 Nail-biting: So you wanna be a

rock'n'roll star? Get yourself a television series and follow in the footsteps of Jimmy Nail, Robson and Jerome et al... Greased Lightning: The Lightning

Seeds may not be prime movers in the Britpop scene, but their latest release, Dizzy Heights, distils the usual brand of highly hummable Singing Blake: The American Wil-

liam Bolcom is bringing Songs of Innocence and Experience, his three-hour choral work that sets Blake's poetry to music ..... Page 36

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Any multinational force to Zaire must have one principal objective: the opening of sirfields and land corridors. We cannot forget that it is the aid organisations which are bearing the full weight of the refugees in Zaire - El Pals, Madrid The United States has exhausted its alibis for doing nothing. Bill Clinton has nothing more to fear from irritating voters by adding an African contingent to the troops deployed in Bosnia. The explanations of his partners have equally convinced him that he is not risking a repetition of the fiasco in Somalia

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Horticultural hortors: There is help at hand. Stefan Buczacki's Gardening Britain (BBC2, 8.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond on the muted return return of Jimmy Nail ..... ...Page 47

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### Congo fever

If the camps in Zaire are not well on their way to closure before the troops pull out, the operation will have failed...

### His number is up

However difficult the job, it has become clear that Peter Davis is the Masterful Mastermind

The winners have set standards for the nation to emulate; and when Mastermind ends, a smart intelled will surely dream up a successor -Fastermind, perhaps - to satisfy our intellectual curiosity... Page 27

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### BERNARD LEVIN

We could have had a thoosand thousand tastes, all different, and another thousand thousand, if we had never seen or smelt those rows of food which are perfectly clean. perfectly deboned, perfectly frozen. perfectly tasteless ... . Page 20 A

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky One of the most revealing scandals from the Holocaust is only now starting to emerge. It is the refusal of Helmut Kohl's Government to acknowledge the claims of surviyors of the slave labour factories

and death camps ....... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL Swing voters - those who have switched away from the Tories since 1992 and those who have

started backing Labour - are more optimistic about the economy than people generally..... PHILIP HOWARD

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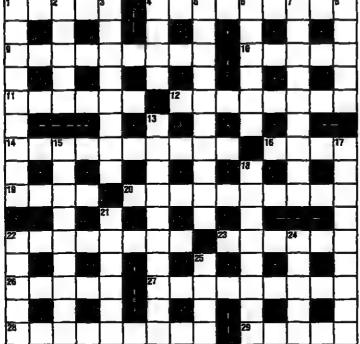
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1 Bluish-grey carpet (5). 4 Water clock breaking down in dry

places (9).

9 Produced rose (6,3). 10 Contract returning police force to

us territory (5). 11 American who wrote essay in verse (6)

12 Boast about a post (8). 14 Doubt - when one has it it is

unsettling (10).

16 Missile hit pest (4).

19 Type of skinflint, we hear (4). 20 Temporal message archbishop is to put out? Quite the reverse (4.6).

Louis originally (8). 23 Stub female dropped before a programme (b).

22 This sauce suited hard-hearted

26 Sudden blow disordered thatch

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27 Public housing almost immediate-

28 Found in a harem, an exotic princess (9).

29 Gladiolus typically blooming therein (5).

I Prepare to sell, frame and betray (3.2.4). 2 A lake in a high, inaccessible place

(5). 3 Deplore river transport that's old

4 Doctor gives firm approval (4). 5 More insurance for one operating in the field (5.5).

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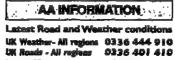
13 Walk out over hill and fell (6.4). 15 Rifle drill, for example, is tough stuff 19).

17 Courage of everyone taking part in stand (9). 18 Flighty vain girl - but chaste (8).

21 More offensive in private (6). 22 Sweep given medal, thus content

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FORECAST ☐ General: Western England and Wales will remain mostly cloudy with drizzle at times. Central and eastern areas, after clearance of overnight mist and fog patches, should be dry with bright or sunny

Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with light drizzle. The far north will have persistent rain leter. Central and eastern parts of Scotland should be mostly dry with bright or sunny spells developing.

rat S England, Channel Isles: it will be dry with bright or sunny spells developing. Wind light to moderate east to northeast. Maximum temperature 8C to 9C (46F to

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Highlands, Moray Firth: It will be mainly dry with bright or sunny spells developing. Wind light and variable mainly south to southwest. Maximum temperature 8C to 10C (46F to 50F).

SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: it will be rather cloudy with patchy drizzie but there will be some drier clearer interludes in places. Wind light and variable. Maximum temperature 9C to 11C (48F to 52F).

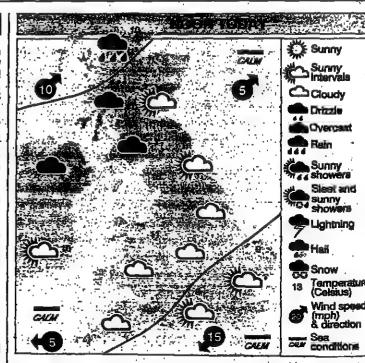
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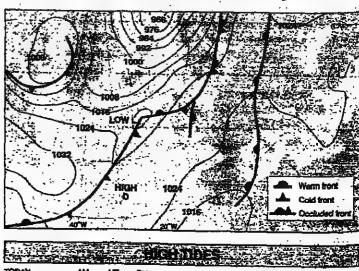
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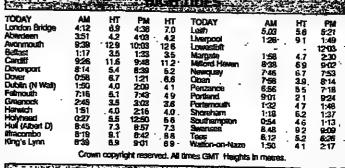
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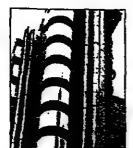
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### BT says it's good to spend more on adverts

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM is to double its spending on advertising in an effort to defend its gradually shrinking market share. BT would not provide details of its new advertising push, though analysts said the current budget is thought to exceed £100 million. Robert Brace, finance director, said: "It's a lot of money and it's going

up. The advertising is working and we're being more aggressive."

Media executives sald that BT has spent £91 million on TV, radio and advertising spots in nthe past year. That, however, excludes direct-mail campaigns and the costs of producing the advertise-ments. Doubling that fig-ure would make BT one of the top five advertisers, along with Unilever and Procter & Gamble.

The company, where Peter Bonfield is chief executive, was encouraged by the success of the "It's good to talk" campaign and believes it is holding the line against the cable telephony companies. In the half year to September 30, turnover from inland telephone calls rose 2.7 per cent, to £2.44 billion, while volume, on a vear-on-year basis, grew 7 per cent.

James Ross, at Hoare Govett, said the gains repachievement "Inland call volume growth seems to be headed for double-digit growth for the first time since the late 1980s."

Revenue increases from inland calls, mobile communications - BT owns 60 per cent of Celinet, the second largest mobilephone company — and its fledgling European businesses helped to boost turnover 4.5 per cent, to E7.36 billion, in the halfyear to September 30.

But pre-tax profits, weighed down by a doubling in redundancy charges to £235 million and the £60 million premium paid on the repurchase of government bonds, slipped £7 million to £1.6 billion. Earnings per share were 16.3p (16.5p). The interim dividend, payable on February 17, rises 6 per cent. to 7.9p. BT has forecast total dividend payments of 19.85p, up 6.1 per cent, for the year to March 31. Shareholders will also receive a 35p special divi-dend even if BT's proposed \$20 billion takeover of MCl collapses. BT shares rose 9p to 37912p.



Bonfield: line held

Don Carty, left, president of AA, and Bob Ayling, chief executive of BA, at the time they announced the proposed link-up between the two carriers

# Clarke faces clash over inflation leap

A SHOCKINGLY large rise in British inflation in October has set the stage for a damaging clash between the Chancellor and the Bank of England over interest rates in the run-up to the election.

Headline inflation leapt to 2.7 per cent from 2.1 per cent in September, while the underlying rate jumped to 3.3 per cent from 2.9 per cent, making the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less seem even more difficult to hit. The underlying rate is now at its highest level since September 1993.

These rises came in spite of the fact that prices were unchanged overall between Sep-tember and October. The annual rates jumped by virtue of prices having fallen sharply in October 1995.

Nevertheless, there was widespread disappointment in the City that a plunge in industry's prices over the past lew months has failed to translate more quickly into lower prices on the high street.

SHARES in Great Universal

Stores surged 10 per cent

vesterday after it revealed that

it had dipped into its huge eash pile and bought

Experian, a US information

services group, for £1 billion.

The US company will be merged with GUS's informa-

tion subsidiary. CCN, a mar-

ket leader in the UK and

continental Europe. GUS, whose shares closed 57½p

higher, at 6-18p, is paying £600

million out of its £1.2 billion

cash pile, while the rest will

come from fixed-rate, medi-

um-term borrowings.
This leaves GUS, which is

chiefly a catalogue retailer and

owner of Burberry and Scotch

House, with half its cash pile

The gap between the atti-tudes of the Treasury and the the war.

Bank of England on monetary policy appears to be widening. The Bank was sufficiently worried that yesterday's figures would provoke a negative market reaction that officials are believed to have telephoned some City economists. particularly those with relatively low forecasts for October inflation, to warn them that the figures would be bad. While the Bank tried to pre-

empt a negative market reaction before the event, the Government was working hard afterwards to put a positive gloss on the figures. John Major, the Prime Minister, said that the increase in inflation was "a statistical

£450 million. Lord Wolfson of

Sunningdale, the new chair-

man, indicated that the re-

maining available tash may

be used for a further acquisi

from the City was that they

weren't happy with the steady accumulation of cash without

any acquisitions being made,"

The acquisition should be earnings enhancing within the

first year. CCN currently ac-

counts for about 7 per cent of

GUS's profits. After merging with Experian, which had

sales of around \$570 million

and operating profits of \$114

million last year, it will ac-

count for up to 20 per cent.

The Chancellor and Trea-sury officials pointed out that the annual rates had gone up only because last October saw the largest fall in retail prices in any October since the war. eas this October's figures

**GUS** shares surge

BY SANAH CUNNINGHAM

were only the fourth best since

The Bank's efforts to warn traders beforehand, coupled with some good inflation numbers from America which boosted US stocks and bonds. meant that the negative reaction in London markets was only short-lived. The FT-SE 100 index closed

only 0.8 of a point lower at 3,926.1, having slumped as low as 3,904. British government bonds, which would normally react very badly to such a sizeable jump in infla-tion, actually ended the day almost a percentage point higher. The pound leapt, end-ing at 91.9 on its tradeweighted index compared with 91.3 on Wednesday.

Short sterling futures, the best guide to market interest rate expectations, fell before ending the day above their lows. Closing levels priced in a rise in base rates of between a quarter of a point and half a noint. Base rates were raised a

ROYAL Bank of Scotland yes-

terday announced plans to link up with Scottish Widows.

the mutual life and pensions

company, but denied planning

a full takeover or merger bid.

However, the move fuelled speculation that Scottish Wid-

ows might eventually become part of the bank, which owns

Direct Line, the telephone

insurer. RBS shares rose 14½ p to 493p. Scottish Widows has

been tipped as likely to join the

George Mathewson, RBS

chief executive, said it was

unpossible to rule out a future

merger, but said: "At present.

we have no intention of doing

that." He added: "Scottish

Widows is a mutual company

stock market.

after US acquisition Royal Bank link-up

hits market BY ANNE ASHWORTH

quarter of a point to 6 per cent

horns with the Bank on De-

cember 11. It seems likely the

Bank will push for a further

sterday's figures and this

week's news of another helty

fall in unemployment. How-

ever, the Treasury's efforts to

play down yesterday's figures

suggest that another rate rise

may not necessarily be forth-

The main culprits behind

October's jump in inflation were housing and motoring costs. Last October saw a

sharp fall in mortgages, house

prices and home contents in-

surance premiums against

rises this year for mortgages

and house prices and only a

small fall in premiums. Petrol

prices and motor insurance premiums were up this year

against big falls a year ago.

buying into that whole ethos. I believe there is a risk in break-

ing that arrangement."
Scottish Widows will design

products, administer pensions

and manage investments for

Royal Scottish Assurance (RSA), the RBS subsidiary life

company. The mutual will own at least 20 per cent of RSA

and an unspecified stake in

Direct Line as part of a joint venture in life insurance. The

exact size of the stakes will be

finalised in the next few weeks.

handful" of jobs would be lost in Scottish Widows. In Febru-

ary the mutual insurer said

that it intended to shed 700

jobs in a cost-cutting exercise.

Scottish Widows in

BY MANANNE CURPILEY

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coming from Mr Clarke.

The Chancelior next locks

ut the end of last month.

monetary

THE money market turmoil caused by the higher inflation figures caused the Yorkshire Building Society to execute a sharp volte-face. Mid-morning, the society announced a new range of discounted and fixed-rate mortgage offers. However, within hours, it said that the

Society in a

spin as data

launch had been suspended. In a statement, the society said that "fluctuating swap prices had prompted the move. When a ich to put together a fixed-rate package, it raise funds in the money market, but it will often sell on or "swap" this fixed-rate liability with a livencial institution.

### Airline link-up flies into EU storm

THE European Commission has launched a formal investigation into the planned link-up between British Airways and American Airlines. The Commission has written to the airlines, saying that the pro-posed alliance does not appear to be in the interests of consumers. They have 60 days in which to respond.

The move prompted specu-lation that a decision on whether to refer the proposal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would now be frozen for at least two months. This was swiftly denied. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, changed the rules in July to enable UK authorities to study the proposed alliance under EU competition rules. The move was designed to reduce the risk of discrepan-cies arising from two parallel investigations.

Commentators suggests yesterday that Mr Lang would be "powerless" to pass judg-ment on BA-AA while the EU was awaiting responses. How-ever, this was denied by the Department of Trade and Industry, which said the move would have no bearing on the timing of any announcement. Mr Lang was simply required to communicate his decision to

the Commission.
The Office of Fair Trading passed a report on the planned alliance to Mr Lang early last month. He has since been considering a referral to the

BA said that it was confident of satisfying the EC. Market research indicated that consumers tayoured the link-u by a margin of seven to one, i said. A spokesman added: "We are confident that, once we put it to the EC, it the alliance] will go ahead."

BUSINESS

TODAY

Water payout South West Water, which escaped two bids last month joined the ranks of utilities making big dividend increases. Its interim and final dividends will rise by 20 per cent. Subsequent rises will be 8 per cent.

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### and horrowings of more than and its customers have been Tempos. page 28 Big Mac poised to join Texaco war effort Texaco has been hurt badly by the Mr Ebert, who arrived at Texaco's

TEXACO is mounting 2 big push to gain market share in the UK petrol retailing market and its secret weapon is burgers, doughnuts and coffee. The American oil company has been in talks with McDonald's and has plans to expand rapidly the number of petrol station sites that contain McDonald's when its petrol stations were making sales, demodistrate him. starying

petrol price wars. Like its peers it suffered losses as a result of Esso's Pricewatch campaign and the struggle by the oil companies to prevent customers from filling up their tanks at the supermarket. Roger Ebert, managing director of Texaco's downstream business, admits that there were times

London headquarters in January, believes now is the time to expand. Texaco has about an 8 per cent share of the petrol retailing market in the UK and wants to move that quickly into double digits. This week he met semon executives from McDonald's who are keen to develop an existing relationship, and Mr Ebert has identified 40 Texaco is mounting its posh at a time of turnoil in the industry. The oil company has a huge refinery in Wales but Britain is awash in cheap petrol and Texaco sells a large part of its product overseas. Mr Ebert believes that more station sizes will become available as the industry consolidates. and that food will be a draw. "I see people at my local station in the

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### **Football** float to raise £12m

Peter Reid, the team manager of Sunderland Football Club, is to make more than £2 million from the club's stock market flotation, announced yesterday. Mr Reid will also also have £7 million to buy players.

The club plans to raise up to £12 million in next month's flotation, which will value the club at between £40 million and £45 million. It proposes to include in its prospectus an estimate of trading for the year ending next May. showing turnover up from E7 million to beteen £12 million and £14 million. £450,000 turned into a profit of at least £1 million.

### Revenues up at MAID

MAID, the online information company, said that its monthly usage revenues exceeded £1 million for the first time in October. The company's third-quarter results showed its total revenues, including new subscriptions, 64 per cent ahead of the same period last year. MAID signed up 825 new corporate customers during the quarter. However, the company is still losing money, a £2.4 takes the nine-month total to £5.7 million.

### Steel deal

The Government yesterday claimed some success in modifying a European code on state aid for the steel industry. The industry is subject to the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty, which bans all state aid. However, the Steel Aid Code, starting at next year, permits state aid in limited circumstances, such as for new environmental standards and some research

### Ladbroke lift

Ladbroke, the hotels and betting shop group, issued an upbeat trading state-ment yesterday, saying that third-quarter profits were "comfortably ahead" of last year. Both main businesses performed well, but property profits fell sharply.



# Shake-up at Lloyd's threatens to put hundreds of jobs at risk

the market to ensure Lloyd's

corporation split into five new business units, were part of a much wider process of reforms aimed at improving the competitiveness of the market Mr Sandler said: "These structural changes are designed to apply greater com-mercial discipline and align the corporation more closely with the business objectives of the market. We need to build a greater sense of partnership

would not be drawn on num-

bers. Mr Sandler said the

changes, which will see the

continued prosperity. The move comes after the successful implementation of Lloyd's Reconstruction and Renewal (R&R) plan. From January I, the corporation will be restructured into five new business units. Members' Services will include the administration of names' funds and

other services; Insurance Services will embrace Lloyd's policy signing office, the claims office, and systems; Facilities Management will embrace catering, purchasing between the corporation and and building management; and Business Development will include negotiation of new and brand licences, promotion.

A fifth unit will cover North America, which provides Lloyd's with 30 per cent of its business. The unit, based in New York, is headed by Peter Lane, and will deal with regulatory matters and handle

The units will have to prepare their own business plans, and will each be accountable to a user board, comprising four or five representatives

They, in turn, will answer to the Lloyd's market board, which will be freed up to focus on strategic and long-term

A number of other existing corporation functions - finance, strategic planning, hucations and legal services will continue to be provided centrally. The structure of Lloyd's regulatory division will be unchanged, pending the outcome of a review which is due to be completed by mid-

### Perpetual says it is approaching peak PERPETUAL, the unit trust company that has grown rapidly

in recent years, gave warning yesterday that it would be hard pushed to make much improvement on its latest results. pushed to make much improvement on its latest results. Reporting a 46 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to £54.4 million. David Mossop, chief executive, said: "We can do better than this, but I don't think we can do much better." The company, which has won a string of awards for its investment performance, believes the flow of new money from investors could be checked by next year's general election, by possible stock market weakness and by the introduction of Open Ended investment Companies (OEICs). In the year to Sentember 30, funds under management rose In the year to September 30, funds under management rose 40 per cent to £6.6 billion. Personal equity plans on behalf of more than 400,000 private investors make up £2.5 billion of the total. Perpetual said its share of the UK unit trust market has risen to 4.2 per cent. Perpetual plans to pay a final dividend of 380 on January 13, lifting the total payout 42.5 per cent to 57p. Undilimed earnings were 135.4p a share (94.7p). Perpetual's shares fell by marginally more than £1 to £22.25.

### DuPont to close plant

DUPONT, the chemicals company, is to close its nylon plant in DUPONT, the chemicals company, is to close its nylon plant in Donéaster. South Yorkshire, with the loss of 450 jobs over the next two years. The move is part of a worldwide restructuring of the group's nylon operations involving the loss of almost 3,000 jobs. DuPont said the programme was designed to make its nylon fibre business the most efficient and highest-quality producer worldwide. It is expected to cut costs by £420 million annually. The company said as many job cuts as possible would be through voluntary schemes and natural wastage. The Doncaster closure is scheduled for early 1999.

### Exeter chief's £2.7m gain

IAN HENDERSON, chief executive of Exeter Investments, which he founded in 1986, will not £2.7 million when he brings his company to the market next month, in addition to a shareholding worth £3.9 million. The company will raise £1.15 million to repay bank debt. Exeter now runs subsidiaries dealing with asset management, unit trusts and secretarial services for fund managers. In the year to September 30 it made pre-tax profits of £856,000 on revenue of £2.86 million. The shares are being placed by Greig Middleton at 92p, valuing the company at £8.74 million.

### Sears sale raises £80m

SEARS, the retailing group has raised E80 million from the sale of its half-share in the St Enoch Shopping Centre in Glasgow to DespaFoods, a German property fund based in Frankfurt. Liam Strong, the Sears chief executive, said: "In the light of the group's each resources the board will be reviewing options available for returning any surplus cash to shareholders in an appropriate manner. The Church Commissioners for England, which held the remaining 50 per cent interest in the shopping centre, has also sold its stake

### Adtranz job losses

BRITAIN'S leading train resource that and nearly 200 jobs in Doncaster because of a shortfall in orders after privatisation. Aftranz said it was "extremely disappointed" to announce the redundancies of 188 staff at the South Yorkshire freight maintenance depot. The company bought the depot from British Rail last year. Since then, the number of staff has fallen from around 600 to about 150. The job losses are believed to have been triggered by a reduction in work for English, Welsh & Scottish Railway, the Americanowned freight company that is the depot's biggest customer.

### RIT asset value rises

RIT Capital Partners, Lord Rothschild's investment trust. increased net asset value 3.1 per cent to 292.2p a share in the six months to September 30. This compares with a 5.5 per cent rise in the FT all-share index over the same period. The value of the total investment portfolio increased to £727.9 million from £579.6 million. Quoted equities accounted for 60 per cent of the portfolio and unquoted companies for 20 per cent. Pre-tax profits were unchanged at £2.4 million. Shares in RIT were unmoved

### Sun and Chubb sever link | A&L shuts door on rebels

By Marianne Curphey

SUN ALLIANCE, now part of Royal SunAlliance, the UK's largest insurer, and Chubb Corporation, its American partner, are to sever a 114-year relationship. RSA will lose about £210 million in premiums but will retain its 5 per cent Chubb shareholding, RSA said it might look for further US acquisitions, or worldwide, although not in the short term.

changes to its central adminis-

trative structure, potentially

putting hundreds of jobs at

risk. The reforms, designed to

make Lloyd's more transpar-

ent and accountable, are part

of a long-term drive to make

The Corporation of Lloyd's

employs 2,400 people, includ-

ing 415 contractors and con-

sultants, but it was unclear

yesterday how many jobs were at risk. Ron Sandler, chief

executive of Lloyd's, admitted

redundancies were likely, but

the market more competitive.

In February Chubb announced it was winding down a trading relationship with Sun Alliance, which dated from 1882, amid speculation that it benefit. The unravelling of the partnership was originally scheduled to take three years, but has been brought forward after Sun Alliance's merger with Royal Insurance this summer. Twelve months ago the reciprocal

reinsurance arrangements were re-duced by one third and will be terminated from January I 1997. Chubb earned a projected £120 million from premiums through the arrangement ihis year. RSA has considerable US business through Royal USA, Royal's US subsidiary, which had net premi-ums written of £1.05 billion in 1995.

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society is refusing to meet representatives of an action group campaigning against its proposed flotation.

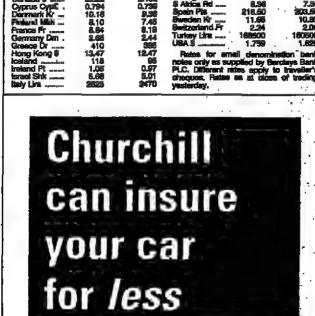
Patrick Mountain, a retired agent of the society, set up the action group in protest at the way in which shares will be distributed. Under the scheme, most qualifying members will get 250 shares worth £1,000 in total. Other share and cash distribution schemes in the building society sector have based payouts on the amount each member has invested. Mr Mountain feels that he was misled by the society

into leaving £150,000 saved, in expectation of a bigger windfall. The Building Societies Ombudsman said that it has received 104 complaints about the flotation.

Members of the action group have threatened to withdraw £50 million from their accounts next month unless the float terms are changed.

An Alliance & Leicester spokesman said that the society felt that it had exhausted the discussion on remuneration for members. The society claims that most members have less than





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THE more one opposes the unethical, if perfectly legal, no-tion of a windfall tax on utilities, the more one despairs of the behaviour of those companies on

whom it will be levied. The windfall tax, if it emerges under Labour and if - let us not forget that if - Labour wins the election, will not be described as retrospective taxation because Brussels does not like this. It will be a tax on unacceptably high bank balances, not a tax on the earlier profits that led to this state of affairs. Put this way, it is clear this is a distinction without a difference.

Retrospective taxation is not illegal anyway, because ul-timately, nothing is. Parliament can vote for such without hindrance, just as Parliament can vote to bring back hanging, the gold standard or 80 per cent income tax — for everyone. The Americans who have bought into the electricity industry would probably sue, but precious little good it would do them in the courts because British constitutional law says government is

elected to govern.

The Labour tax would do untold damage to inward invest-ment and to big transatlantic mergers such as those that British Airways and British Telecom are now embarked

# Straws blowing in the windfall

able; a Labour utilities tax was already predictable when the American buying started more than a year ago. But it will play well in terms of domestic US politics if reciprocal action to a tax grab is seen to be taken. Yesterday PowerGen, classed

by Labour as a monopolistic utility for some strange reason, chose to distribute as much as: £400 million to shareholders in the form of a share buyback, the fourth repurchase in the compa-ny's six years as a quoted company. South West Water, which has the power to carry out. a similar exercise on behalf of its shareholders, biked the dividend by 20 per cent. It is tempting to see such largesse as anticipating a utilities tax. But look a little deeper than that.

The level of dividend cover and gearing that was thought acceptable when the utilities were privatised turns out, with the benefit of hindsight, to have been over-cautious. In other words, the companies were sold too. cheap - we all know that. The

upon. This last is hardly reason- City, which bought them too cheap, now says this means payouts should be jacked up to compensate for this - two slices of pie, please. Yet in this the institutions are only doing what Gordon Brown and Labour intend, except a little earlier.

But ask yourself three ques-tions, is Labour really going to hold off from windfall taxes because the companies have spent the money first? Is it proper corporate governance, if you know the tax is looming, to put the balance sheet in such a state that the company is in danger of collapse if it is levied? And what happens if the Tories win?

### When it's good to be small

☐ BRITISH TELECOM'S financial results were unremarkable except on two points. The "it's good to talk" TV ads starring the otherwise laconic Bob Hoskins have proved good value; customers are picking up the phone more often and talking



calls is climbing in spite of growing competition from cable. The other point was less encouraging. International phone calls, BT's most profitable business by a long shot, are down, and by BT's own admission will continue to fall. The Government is set to break the BT-Mercury duopoly by awarding international licences to almost 50 new entrants. What is more, discount operators such as call-back services, which route international calls through the low-cost US, are proliferating. A

free-for-all is in the making. The same thing is happening on the other side of the Atlantic. The 1996 Telecommunications Act allows long-distance and local phone companies to compete in each other's markets. The golden era of AT&T, MCI and Sprint, the three giants that held a hammerlock on the longdistance market, is about to end.

Why, then, did BT just agree ay more than \$20 billion for MCI? The deal makes sense in that the merger of the two creates a closed frans-Atlantic loop, meaning they will not have to pay other operators to complete their calls at the other end. As a result, they can retain more of the international call revenue for themselves. But this strategy can only buy so much time.

BT and MCI, for all their slimming efforts, are still big, old-time phone companies with enormous fixed costs. Since distance is quickly becoming irrelevant in determining the cost of calls, the time will come when BT and MCI cannot afford to drop their prices further without a radical restructuring. IBM is a good parallel, because Big Blue fell from grace when nimble new introduced inexpensive alternatives to the mainframe computer.

### What goes up must come down

□ INFLATION has risen sharply, but prices have stayed the same. The Chancellor is quite right to point out that prices were unchanged between September and October and that the shockingly sharp rise in annual rates of headline and core inflation was down to wonderful figures a year ago, the best inflation performance, indeed, since the war. But despite the truth of this argument, the fact remains that yesterday's figures mean the Bank of England will be itching for another rate rise.

It is certainly disappointing that plunging producer prices have not fed more rapidly into lower prices on the high street. But, amid the mounting rates hysteria, let us put a counter argument. The main culprits for October's ghastly numbers were petrol and house prices. Both phenomena are likely to be temporary. Oil prices have risen because of supply problems and are not a sign of rising commodity price pressures. House prices are up because confidence has finally been returning.

But the sudden disappearance of good fixed-rate mortgage deals after the recent hike in base rates shows how swiftly that could end if base rates are pushed even higher. Then factor in a populist cut in booze duties in the Budget to counter cross-Channel competition, cheer voters up — and depress retail prices. Then the latest inflation scare will prove to be short-lived.

### Catch-48

☐ HERE is a modest catch-22. You are a businessman rightly keen to avoid the imposition of the 48-hour week. Your opinion is sought by the media. Do you say, as some have, "No, it would never affect me anyway, I am a considerate employer and no one works that long here." This paints you in the best light, but it gives you no reason to oppose Brussels. Or do you say. can't have this. It would cripple my business - 1 make them all

### Limelight offer price set at 175p

SHARES of Limelight, the turer and retailer, have been priced at 175p, at the bottom of the indicated range, valuing the com-pany at £175 million (Sarah Cumingham writes). The offering will raise

Stephen Boler, former chairman and now a nonexecutive director. No new money for the company is

Trading begins today. Some 62.15 million of the 65.05 million shares on offer have been allotted under a placing, 2.86 million under an intermediar ies offer, and the balance under an employee offer.

# PowerGen payout lifts buybacks above £1bn

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

POWERGEN will shortly top the £1 billion mark in cash it has paid out to buy back its own shares since privatisation (see Permington this page).
Yesterday it announced its

second buyback this year, and the fourth since privatisation. When the plan to repurchase 10 per cent of the company's equity is complete, PowerGen will have rebought just under 30 per cent of its shares.

Earlier this year it paid out £346 million in a similar buyback justified by the com-pany's profit on the sale of a stake in Midlands Electricity. However, the one-off gain on that sale was £69 million,

which yesterday the company said was about the same figure as it expects to write off on its exposure to take-or-pay

The latest buyback has been initiated by the sale of power stations to Eastern, instigated by the regulator in February 1994 and completed this summer. In spite of the scale of its buybacks — at yesterday's share price PowerGen could spend £370 million this time round — the company insisted vesterday that it did not fall into one of the target areas for a Labour government's impo-sition of a windfall tax. Ed Wallis, the chairman, said

definition of a monopolistic utility that was price-regulated and had enjoyed excessive benefits from slack regulation.

Peter Hickson, finance director, admitted the balance sheet could sustain a windfall hit but that did not mean the company would not suffer from such an impact. Analysts are calculating a windfall tax on PowerGen of about £200 million.

PowerGen lifted underlyin profits by 4 per cent, to £138 million, in the six months to September 30, after removing its one-off £69 million gain

stake in Midlands Electricity to Avon Energy.

The company said that it was close to ending its prob-lems with Kinetica, its lossmaking joint gas venture with Conoco, and expects to take a hit of no more than £69 million on its exposure to take-

or-pay gas contracts.

Overseas operations, in which PowerGen is increasing its activities, did not deliver a contribution to profits, with none expected in the shortterm. The interim dividend, payable on December 20, was lifted 20 per cent, to 7.8p.

# South West Water vows to follow up leap in dividend

By Our Industrial Correspondent

been targeted by Wessex Wat-

er and Severn Trent, attracted

the wrath of Labour, which

condemned it for making prof-

its of £257 a minute. Frank

Dobson, Labour's environ-

ment spokesman, further criti-

that had led South West to spend £4.9 million fighting

takeover moves from rival

cised the state of the industry

SOUTH WEST WATER, which escaped two takeover bids last month after a government veto, yesterday joined the ranks of utilities making big increases in dividends with a 20 per cent rise in its interim payment to 11.8p a share (see Pennington, this page).

The company also set out a stall for future dividend rises, saying that its final dividend would rise by 20 per cent and that growth thereafter would he 8 per cent.

South West, whose customers pay the highest water bills in the country, also said that it would buy back up to 10 percent of its shares if it considered it to be in the best interests of its shareholders. The company, which had

Ken Hill, South West's finance director, said that the company's results showed sparkling growth in the face of two hostile bids.

water companies.

The company would not say yesterday whether it had received other takeover approaches. Although a merger with another water company

has been ruled out, a takeover

by an electricity company could be a possibility.

South West has paid a £15 customer dividend, which will cost the company £10 million. aithough this charge will not appear until the final results. South West's interim pre-tax

profits to September 30 climbed to £729 million, from £54 million in the previous year. The figures exceeded the expectations of analysts, who had largely been working in a range of £60 million to £65 million.

Operating profits from nonregulated activities rose by 50 per cent, to £46.7 million. Nonregulated activities now account for nearly 27 per cent of overall profits.

The interim dividend is payable on April 7.



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A further example of this will be Mobil's hugely popular Argos Premier Points scheme. From January 20th it will be offered on every single BP and Mobil forecourt, giving the customer almost twice as many chances to

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We are confident that it won't be long before everyone understands what we mean when we say:

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# Shares end almost level after see-saw session

A STRONG performance by government securities, sporting gains of more than El. enabled the equity market to end a volatile session allsquare on the day.

The appearance of bargainhunters at the lower levels enabled the bond market to shrug off the effects of the latest gloomy inflation figures and stronger pound. Brokers say that it is only a maner of time before the Chancellor signals a further rise in base rates. However that was tempered yesterday by the Bundesbank, which hinted that it might find scope for another cut in rates.

The equity market took its lead from the bond market. having seen an early 13-point lead wiped out and replaced by a fall of almost 23 points after publication of the inflation figures. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index ended a volatile session 0.8 down at 3,926.1.

Turnover of more than a billion shares was swollen by several large bed-and-breakfast transactions designed to establish a tax loss before this month's Budget. These includ-ed British Gas. up <sup>Qp</sup> at 20712 p. where volume reached 67.46 million shares as lines totalling 20 million went through the market.

There were also lines in Shell, down 44p at 977p, on turnover of 35.6 million shares, and Hanson, 4p firmer at 792p, where almost 69 million shares changed hands.

Several profit downgrades left Standard Chartered 10p easier at 640p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is thought to have cut its forecast for the current year by \$50 million to £880 million. At the same time. Crédit Lyonnais Laing has cut its estimate for 1996 by £30 million to £860 million and for next year from

£920 million to £890 million. Both brokers take the view tipped as a takeover target. may have run far enough for the time being, having peaked at 723p earlier this year.

Laing is urging clients to switch into National Westminster, up 5½p at 684p. which it says are the cheapest in the sector. Royal Bank of Scotland hardened 512p to 404p after announcing it was in talks with Scottish Widows about areas of co-operation.

Shares of East Midlands Electricity edged 5p higher to 6272p, but remain well below

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Ladbroke took a big hit after Frankie Dettori's record wins

the 670p a share being offered by Dominion Resources, the US power generator. City speculators remain worried that the bid will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. By the close of business a total of 5.3 million

shares had been traded. The food retailers were chased higher on the back of some encouraging words from

Mercury Asset Management is being tipped to become a constituent of the tup 100 companies. But the shares, at a high of £11.63½ on Wednesday, fell 7½p to £11.56 as one investor decided it was time to take profits. Brokers reported a bigline of 2.5 million shares on offer at E11.593 p.

Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. Top of its shopping list appears to be J Sainsbury, 10p better at 351p, but there were also gains for Tesco, up 2½ p to . 320½ p. Safeway, 4½ p to 357½ p and Asda, ½ p to il8p.

The drop in profits at BT came as no surprise to the City. Pre-tax profits during the second quarter were down £2 million at £730 million after higher redundancy charges

hack up to 10 per cent of the share capital in a move that will enhance earnings. Figures from South West

charges of £183 million. But

the pill was sweetened with a 6

per cent increase in the half-

year payout and the promise

of future profits growth. The

shares responded with a rise

Better than expected half

year figures, a big rise in the

dividend, and news of a share

buyback lifted PowerGen

3½ p to 554p. It intends to buy

of 9p at 36912 p.

Water were positively received and the price was rewarded with a rise of op at 58312 p. These were the first figures produced since the Government blocked bids for the company from Severn Trent and Wessex Water. Profit-taking left Ladbroke



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Universal Stores of Experian the US information services group, for £1.04 billion got a positive response, with the price climbing 572p to 648p. Sears, the Selfridges and Freemans retailer, says it is thinking of ways to return surplus cash to shareholders. The news emerged as the group sold its Enoch Shapping Centre in Glasgow for almost £80 million, netting a profit of E19 million. Sears slipped 12 p to \$8 2 p.

The announcement of the deal saw shares of House of Fraser come off the boil. closing 212p cheaper at 142p. There had been talk earlier in the week that Burton. 4p firmer at 1434 p. might bid for the struggling retailer.

Nosey buyers pushed Full Circle 24p higher to 173p before interim figures later this month. The management holds 60 per cent of the equity and would reject any bid approaches. But the buyers have been tempted, having seen the price come back from a peak this year of 27p.

Business is booming at Psion so it is raising £14 million by way of share placing of 3.5 million shares at 400p each. The money will finance expansion. BZW, which placed the shares, has increased its profit forecast for 1997 by £2 million to £24 million. The shares rose

45p to 441 2p. hunters and a hint that the Bundesbank might be tempted to cut interest rates enabled the bond market to end with some solid gains stretching to more than £1. in the futures pit, the De

cember series of the Long Gilt fell as low as £108716, at one stage, signalling that the n ket was ripe to buy. It finished £3, higher at £1091316 as a total of 134,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 advanced E<sup>31</sup>32 to El017e. while among shorter-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose three ticks to £1021132

NEW YORK: After a slow morning. Wall Street stocks rallied at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.75 points to 6.293.99. LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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# Credit, where credit is due

tions and there is little sign

that the generators are about

to see their business decimat-

ed by American utilities.

Similarly, the regulator has

not yet shown any signs of

relaxing the restriction on regional companies owning

THE EUPHORIA that greeted the GUS purchase of Experian looks a tad overdone. There is no question that GUS needed to find a better home for £1.2 billion than low interest-bearing deposits. Indeed, Experian is in a fast-growing business - credit information and customer profiles - an area GUS knows well through its CCN subsidiary.

Information on customers is a hot commodity and frequently forms the basis of key business decisions: who to give credit to: where to site a new store or what new products to develop. Experian will make GUS leading supplier of such information on both sides of the Atlantic, and should also help it to expand into developing countries. Unfortunately beefing up one side of the bus-

iness has the effect of exposing weakness in the other. Up to 20 per cent of profits will come

from the high-growth customer informat-ion. compared with 8 per cent before the purchase. Good news for shareholders but the fact remains that the core of GUS is still agency catalogue retailing which is fast losing market share to so-called direct mail order. In effect, telephone sales are supplanting face-to-face deals through local agents, the traditional backbone of the GUS catalogue business.

Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the chairman, knows direct mail order well through his chairmanship of Next. Given his influence and GUS's sheer size - it still has a market share almost twice the size of its pearest competitor in mail order - there is little reason to doubt that the company will refocus on the more exciting parts of the mail order business. But it has yet to make a move. When it does, euphoria will be in order.

growth in the UK is not a

forlorn hope. Despite it fre-

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PowerGen still has plenty of

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panding its upstream gas

business. It is also seeking

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### **PowerGen**

POWERGEN has been peddling a somewhat doomsday scenario to all who care to listen. The chief executive recently warned the trade and industry select committee that if its market share in electricity generation slipped below 15 per cent then PowerGen rould be forced to ahandon its overseas activities, retrench in Britain and cut jobs. All terribly bloody.

Yet today, the outlook is altogether rosier. Market share stands at 22 per cent. just six percentage points lower than its share at privatisation. Moreover, its share is unlikely to suffer much erosion from new capacity. The arrival of the army of new gasfired generators has been much exaggerated. Rivals have been cautious in making the huge capital commitments needed for new power sta-

more than 15 per cent of their forging a link to domestic own generating capacity.

Despite the blocking of customers post-1998 if not generators' bids for Recs. UNTRAMELLED POWER 600 hare price

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### Royal Bank

AFTER several dalliances, Royal Bank of Scotland is getting serious with the girl next door. The bank was spurned by another local lass when Scottish Equitable, a previous partner, fell into the arms of Aegon, the Dutch insurer. Under its deal with Scottish Widows, Royal Bank gets a virtually exclusive arrangement with one of the UK's most desirable mutuals, without having to pay a takeover premium for the

Royal Bank is effectively handing over control of its life business to Wido ing its hands free to fend off English competition in the banking market. Its subsidiary. Direct Line, has a fledgling life company which will benefit from Widows experience in selling pen-

sions over the phone. The move is also a defensive one for Direct Line, which has been feeling the pinch as

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fail to rise. It has so far enjoyed only limited benefit from the upturn in UK life sales. In return, Widows gets the benefit of a stake in RBS's life company and a slug of extra income. Despite protestations to the contrary on both sides, this friendship could end in marriage.

### Foreign & Colonial

IT HAS been a rotten year for Foreign & Colonial invest-ment Trust, the popular fund that has attracted an army of many thousands of private investors. Since it clawed its way into the FTSE-100 a year ago, it has been downhill nearly all the way. By the start of the month, it was underperforming the FT-SE All Share index by 15 per cent. It has lost its cherished Footsie status and an 8 per cent discount has opened up between its share price and its net asset value. A shocking state of affairs for F&C.

which had been a watchword for consistency based on a record stretching back over decades. Some relief came yesterday in the shape of the E18.3 million it will receive from Hypo-Bank of Germany - payment for the trust's share of its management company, Hypo Foreign & Colonial Management. The cosiness of this relationship raises the odd concern, but the management company has undoubtedly been a highly successful investment. Hypo-Bank's first purchase in 1989 valued it at £36 million. Yesterday's deal pitches the price at £230 million. Whether this will F&C's fortunes is more doubtful. With 60 per cent of noney overseas, the trust has been hit by the strong pound. Although F&C's managers remain highly regarded, the trust will have little respite until the rise of sterling is checked.

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### Late-runner pulls ahead

A BACKER for London Financial News, the hapless City trade magazine, is expected to sign on the dotted line today. In the end, it was a race between two rival bidders, A UKbased company, with in-terests in publishing, that had been in talks with Clive Wolman, the founder and Editor, when the magazine first fell into financial difficulty reappeared on the scene only days ago. By that stage, Wolman and his team were already in serious talks with another company. But with one whiff of a more immediate answer to their prayers, word has it that they plumped for the late-runner.

### Rise of Rupert

RUPERT HESELTINE son of Michael, is destined for greater things. Since his father recently upped his stake at Haymarket Publishing, there have been whispers in the corridors that it won't be long before Tarzan's son is promoted for the second time in two months. An account manager at the group's publication. Sky Sports, the 28-year-old bachelor tells me about plans for his promotion. However, an insider at the company says that a entitled "What to do about

### Lawyers' beano

DIBB Lupton Alsop is off to London for a celebra-tion beam this week even though talk of staff cuts is at an all-time high at the newly merged. Northern-190 partners will be staying at the Mayfair Inter-Continental. The total cost of the outing is said to be about £45,000. They will be meeting at the Mayfair tered coach to take them about, while their partners head for a pampering seasion at The Sanctuary in Covent Garden or to the West End show, Scrooge.



Santchi: McDenzild's deal

BY DINGO, Maurice Saatchi is spreading his tennicles down under His advertising agency M&C Sautchi has just won the A\$60 million (£30 million) account to persuade Australians not to put another shrimp on the barbie but head down to McDonald's instead. Hopes are not high, though, that MSC can win the UK account.

### Seeing red

ROWAN "Gatecrasher" Gormley, managing di-rector of Virgin Direct. raised eyebrows on Wednesday night when he stormed into a party host-ed by Standard Life. Posing as a journalist from a national newspaper. Gormiey wandered into The lvy and helped himself to his Scottish competitor's wine. But the Virgin interloper couldn't pull the wool over the eyes of his perceptive hosts. Strip down and there il be a red uniform underneath that suit."
said a paricularity cross Standard Life employee. Unabashed. Gormley continued to tack into the canapés, but I'm told that he has kindly invited the aggrieved employee to Virgin's Christmas bash.

MORAG PRESTON



# If I were Chancellor I would raise taxes not interest rates

Inflation could be contained

by using fiscal

restraints as

an alternative to monetarism

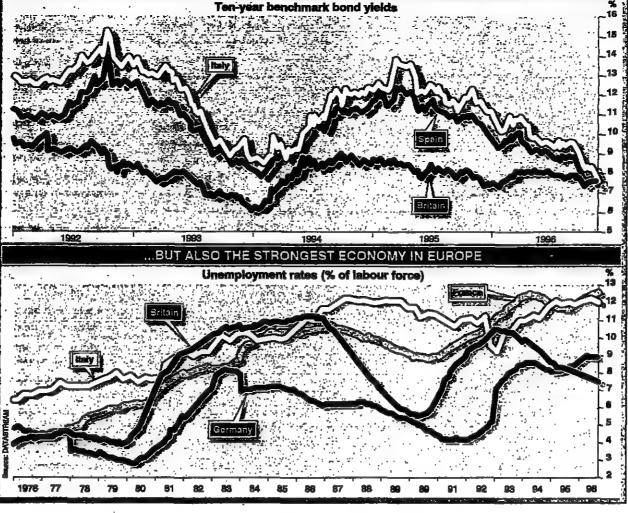
t is all very well to blame the Chancellor for raising interest rates and pushing the pound back the ERM period. But what else could Kenneth Clarke have done? Inflation is starting to accelerate. Consumer demand. is strong and getting stronger. Unemployment is still too high, but wages are now rising quickly.

In a nutshell, as the Bank of England has rightly argued, something has to be done to prevent the economy taking off in another inflationary spiral. The question is whether that "something" should be to increase interest rates and push

up sterling.
The rest of this article will argue that the policy of mone-tary tightening and currency appreciation chosen by the Chancellor will do grave damage to the British economy, and will outline the course that Mr Clarke should have pursued. That alternative can be described as the non-monetary approach to controlling inflation, or to put it less technically and more bluntly: a tough taxraising Budget. And in case that still sounds like a functiful "soft option". I will spell out in next week's Economic View some of the specific measures on taxes and public spending that could be announced as soon as this month's Budget, if Mr Clarke wanted to even the dissets? for British industry implied by his present course.

But, first let us take a step backwards and consider the loed by Mr Clarke. After the figures on price and wage inflation published in the past two days there can surely be no doubt that interest rates will be pushed much higher if the Characellor sticks to the Treasury dogma that monetary policy is the only tool that can be used to control inflation. If the Chancellor insists on remaining a monetarist "oneclub golfer", as Sir Edward Heath once memorably described Nigel Lawson, base rates seem certain to rise by at least another 0.5 per cent between now and the general election - and by much more beyond that, especially if a Labour government, amxious

to prove its anti-inflationary mettle, comes to power. I would be very surprised if the present upward trend in interest rates were to come to an end before base rates. reached 7.5 per cent or 8 per cent. That is roughly what the financial futures markets are now assuming and the minimum that would have a chance of reversing the trend in inflation, assuming that the Government does nothing else



BRITAIN NOW HAS THE G7'S HIGHEST INTEREST RATES.

to control the growth of de-

mand. By the standards of recent history, an interest rate of 8 per cent may not seem alarming. But they have to be seen in the international context. Today's global economy is very different from the high interest rate world of the 1970s and 1980s. Britain already has the highest interest rates in the advanced world. This dublous distinction was achieved on Monday when, for the first time in history, the rate of interest on Italian government yield on British gilt-edged

If they continue rising, sterling will become ever more overvalued, decimating Britain's manufacturers and exporters as it did in 1979-81 and 1990-92. It is no coincidence that both these disasters occ-.urred in the years since the Treasury's forced conversion to the monetarist faith in 1979.

So far, Britain's relatively high rates have reflected our high economic growth com-pared with the stagnation in Europe. But in the year ahead this benign relationship will change. Europe's interest rates will remain low because continental countries are slashing their budget deficits, and thereby also restraining their inflation. But Britain's Budget deficits will be among the highest in Europe and inflation will be on the rise.

The markets are realising that the only policy that British Governments can contemplate to control inflation is to increase interest rates - and to keep putting them up. This means that the pound, which is already the world's highestyielding currency, will become ever more attractive to shortterm investors.

Yesterday, sterling shot past \$1.65 and DM2.50, hitting its highest level against the dollar since December 1992. This means that most of the gains in international compeditiveness enjoyed by British industrialists and exporters since White Wednesday have now been reversed. But this monetary vicious circle has only just begun to turn. The flows of hot money into Britain will only stop when sterling reaches a EAST 20 WISHIESTTA OF that even the New York hedge and the Japanese life insurers take fright. On past experience that level will be much higher than almost anyone expects

when the bull market begins. And if there is even a hint that a future government might take Britain into the European monetary union? It is easy to imagine a disaster on the scale of 1979-80 or 1990-91. EMU membership would re-move the main deterrent to buying sterling - the risk of suddenly losing your entire speculative gains - making sterling the proverbial one-way bet. Under these circumstances, the markets could drive the pound all the way back to the old ERM level of DM2.95 (a level, incidentally, that Eddie George considered was too low).

grim picture, then. But is there any al-ternative apart from ip? The answer is as clear today as it was on the eve of White Wedendsay, when a Chancellor last insisted that there was only one possible

policy for keeping inflation under control. In fact, the alternative today is the same as it was then -- to abandon the purely monetary approach to inflation control. Instead, the economy must be restrained with lower public spending or higher taxes. In practice what I mean is that Mr Clarke should increase

In theory, demand can be restrained even more effectively by cutting spending than by raising taxes. But the squeeze on public spending is substantial cuts could only be achieved through sweeping policy changes of a kind that could not be introduced in a single Budget - for example, the complete abolition of the basic state pension. In practice, therefore, an increase in taxes is the only real alternative to higher interest rates.

How big a tax increase is needed? The rules of thumb inferred from past experience, and incorporated in various econometric models, suggest that to achieve a ! percentage point reduction in inflation would require an increase in interest rates of around 1 per cent, which may be about what the Treasury and the Bank of England have in mind between now and the middle of next year. Such an increase in interest rates would reduce economic growth by around 0.5 per cent in each of the first two years. To achieve a similar economic slowdown through fiscal policy would require a tax increase of about 0.5 per

Given that Mr Clarke has probably already pencilled into his Budget a tax cut of £2

cent of GDP, or £3.5 billion.

to £3 billion, it would not take a very dramatic gesture on fiscal policy to obviate any increase in interest rates before the election. All Mr Clarke would have to do is forgo all plans for tax cuts, which is precisely the policy very sensibly being urged on him by the CBI and other

ooking further ahead, however, a mere standstill on current fiscal policy would probably not be enough. To bring inflation back below the Government's 2.5 per cent target would probably require a rate increase of another 2 points. The cost of avoiding such a monetary tightening would be a tax increase of around £7 billion — or a net increase of £5 billion on top of the £2 billion of pre-election tax cuts that could be forgone. This seems a plausible esti-

mate of what would be needed to avoid another monetarist victious circle in the style of 1979-81 and 1990-92. I don't for a moment expect Mr Clarke to raise taxes in the Budget especially since the monetary dogmatists at the Treasury are telling him that, even with a tough Budget, interest rates would still have to rise.

But to show what could be achieved with intellectual flexibility and proper political leadership, I will present next week a few of the economically sensible and politically feasi-ble reforms that could easily raise the required £5 billion. It avert another industrial decimation. How sad that it is too much for the Tories, the Treasury and Mr Clarke.

# Eager Hans makes a grab for Telekom

Oliver August on how the Germans are starting to learn from wily old Sid

id learned about flotations years ago. Just Sign the form and pocket a few hundred oounds. Now Hans is catchon. The Deutsche ing on The Deutsche Telekom privatisation will create millions of new shareholders in Germany and

people who participate in the Frankfurt stock market. Telekom's DM100 million advertising campaign has Sommer, chief executive of Telekom, said: "We have succeeded with the marketing surrounding Telekom over the past weeks and

could double the number of

months of stirring up real stock fever in Germany." Yesterday was the last day for investors to register and the offer is reported to be more than six times oversubscribed. In the past few days have been turning away customers, telling them

Karl-Heinz Drimmer, nanager of a savings bank

flooded his branch office to place their orders. One civil servant, undeterred by the bank's mandatory warning of the risks, put

down DM300,000, ordering 10.000 shares. Herr Drimmer said: "We have had everything from grannies to high government officials. The one thing they have in common is the

expectation of earning Telekom will be making Europe's largest public ofenticing millions of firsttime investors to crack open their piggy banks and place

Ordinary Germans have long viewed the stock exchange in Frankfurt with deep suspicion, seeing it as a 2851.NO TAINET INAN A SAIG place for savings. The middle class has frowned on capital markets in a hangover from the country's financial turmoil in the 1920s and 1940s when inflation and war wiped out the wealth of entire dynasties.

In the post-war years Germany became a nation where those with marketmade fortunes were loathed rather than admired. No one who got rich on the market would ever brag

modern Britain. That may

all be about to change. Detlef Müller, an electrical engineer from Cologne, had never owned a share in his life and before Telekom began invading his living room each night with allurtelevision advertise ments he never gave the idea

a second thought. Like millions of Germans who have so far always put year-old thought the stock market was too treacherous for his young family's

But Herr Müller has suddenly caught stock market fever. He drained his savings to put up nearly DM9,000 for 300 of the new Telekom shares he hopes to pick up later this month and profit quickly.

Herr Müller said: "I had never thought of owning

about shares Share offer though and plan to take could double profits as soon as the those playing price rises." Shares the market begin trading

in Germany and New York on November 18 and a day later in Tokyo. They are expected to get a price-tag of around DM30.

Only one in 16 Germans owns shares, giving the country one of the lowest shareholder levels of leading industrialised nations. Only some 5 per cent of are invested in shares, com pared with 17 per cent in Britain, 21 per cent in the US

and 35 per cent in Sweden. German firms may be among the most successful. exporting cars and industrial goods to the far corners of the world, but owning even a small stake in those multinational giants has so far been anathema to the average German.

Ronald Weichert, of Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, said: "We hope that this offering will at long last spark interest in broad share

"Suddenly, owning shares has become a topic of conversation in Germany." Welcome to the stock market.

### BUSINESS LETTERS

these concerns.

### Presenting a plan for civil aviation in the UK 'in which everyone wins' BA is now the only UK the face of the environmental From Mr Gorden Glass

Sir, In his affirmation that British Airways's proposed alliance with American "will bring in many more airlines ng at Heathrow Robert Ayling (Business Letters, November 7) continues to presume sufficient rumway capacity at Heathrow for that to occur without BA giving up

From the Chief Executive

of British Airways Sir, I have no intention of

turning British Airways into a

"virtual airline" consisting of a

brand name with everything

else leased or bought in Uon

Ashworth, November 6). Nor

is that the logical outcome of

our business efficiency pro-

gramme launched earlier this

It is equally untrue that there is a "stand-off" on this

subject between management

and staff. Our research shows

that 88 per cent of staff accept

the need for the business

programme is designed to

ensure that BA remains a

successful competitor, able to

sustain and improve its cus-

tomer service standards -

aviation voice which is assuming that capacity will exist. Certainly BAA's evidence to the Heathrow Terminal 5 inquiry points in the opposite direction. What has happened to BA's strategic planning?

Other industry observers are realising that the recent rapid growth at Heathrow and other airports is neither It is my understanding that desirable nor sustainable in

consequences, the problems of congestion and the increasing risks of disaster in London and other cities. Yet BA's strategy appears to disregard

The Commons Transport Select Committee this year questioned this presumption for growth and called for a more "coherent", sustainable and long-term UK airports

policy. Because of the urgent need in the face of current government inaction, 2020\* Vision has produced a new Forward Plan for UK Civil Aviation, in which everyone wins', for adoption by the next Yours faithfully.

**GORDON GLASS** (Director), 2020\*Vision Ltd. PO Box 1967, Bath.

### Strategy for air services flying BA colours

and sustain high numbers of employees well into the future. Franchising, in particular, is primarily a strategy for extending the network of services flown in BA colours. Of the 136 currently franchised routes, 122 are new to British

The 14 routes transferred from our network are those where costs were too high or the yields were too low for them to be financially viable. A profitable franchised service is much better than one which efficiency programme. This is constantly at risk. Though we would always prefer to operate services in our own right, not least because this earns more revenue than a franchise arrangement. The

franchising programme has created 600 british Airways

jobs in areas such as ground handling and telephone sales not to mention the jobs in the franchise companies themselves. Much of the future growth in franchising revenue will come from overseas routes that British Airways cannot operate itself.

Our employees have a legitimate interest in the way the changes in the business efficiency programme will affect them and they want to be reassured (as I am committed to ensure) that the company will continue to provide high standards of customer service. We are addressing these points through consultation

and communication and by making available generous voluntary redundancy packages and practical assistance with retraining and redeployment within the company.

British Airways is full of

able and dedicated people, many of whom have weathered radical change programmes in the past. I owe it to them, as well as to our customers and shareholders, to ensure that the company faces up to its challenges and remains one of the best airlines in the world. Yours faithfully. ROBERT AYLING, Chief Executive. British Airways Pic, Speedbird House.

Heathrow Airport,

### Insurance 'lesson' from N Zealand From Major J.L. Botterill

Sir, I needed Peter Wood's letter (The Times, October 29) to stir me into action! My daughter was knocked

off her moped by a "roofer's" top load spilling from his untaxed, uninsured van without an MOT certificate. While he got a small fine, I paid for my daughter's time in hospital and she had to get another solicitor to go against her own solicitor, who had failed to claim in time on her behalf to the MI Bureau.

Years ago, in New Zealand. found that buying a tax disc for my car gave me instant state third-party insurance so that I had time to pick and choose further cover privately.

At the moment I can not use my car because my insurance company issued me with a cover note for 30 days, on August 29, and, despite writing to them and phoning them. I have yet to receive the policy etc, despite my cheque of August 31.

Yours faithfully J. L. BOTTERILL 26 Acorn Grove. Pershore, Worcestershire.

### POWERGEN plc SCRIP DIVIDEND PLAN

PowerGen shareholders can choose - if they wish - to have future dividends paid to them in PowerGen shares (known as "New Shares"), instead of by cheque. To do so, they have to complete and return a Scrip Dividend Mandate form.

PowerGen's 1996/97 Interim Dividend - 7.8p ner per share - is to be paid on 30 December 1996 to shareholders registered in the Company's books at the close of business on 3 December 1946 Shareholders who have already sent in a Scrip Dividend Mandate form will be paid the Interim Dividend in shares, and need do nothing more. Shareholders who would like to be paid in shares should phone PowerGen's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars will supply the Terms and Conditions of the Scrip Dividend Plan and a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. They can also deal with any queries, and cancellations

These are the important dates:

25 November 1996 PowerGen Shares begin 29 November 1996

to trade "ex dividend" The price of a New Share is available by phoning

0117 976 3005 3 December 1996

The last date for Mandate forms or cancellations to be received by the Registrars

Interim Dividend

3 December 1996

Shareholders on the register at close of business qualify for the 1996/97

19 December 1996

20 December 1996

Dividend Cheques and Certificates for New Shares

Interim Dividend paid.

New Shares can be traded



THE NOT THE COURSE WAS ENDING

# EMU fears shrugged off by Bank of Ireland

FROM EILEEN McCabe in Dublin

THE adverse effects of economic and monetary union on the currency market revenues of financial institutions will be offset by the better opportunities for asset management that will be available in the larger. more liquid European pool, the Bank of Ireland Group

Par Molloy, chief executive, said it was difficult to quantify the effects of EMU membership on the bank, particularly since it is still unclear whether sterling will be in or out.

"I think the consensus is that sterling will not join initially. But I think that EMU will be good for Ireland, and

### Biotech in drug deal in Japan

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH BIOTECH signed a \$74 million licens-lng agreement yesterday that gives Marimastat, its oral anti-cancer drug, access to the Japanese market.

Tanabe Seiyaku, Japan's eighth largest drugs com-pany, will fund Marimas-tat development in exchange for exclusive Japanese marketing rights. Tanabe has paid British Blotech \$7 million and will give it another \$67 million over the next few years.

Marimastat is undergoing final trials before it receives approval for sale in Europe and in North America, where it should reach the market in 1999. Japanese approvals are unlikely before 2003.

The deal marks one of British Biotech's first partnerships. In Europe and North America, its policy is to develop the drugs itself.

what's good for Ireland is good for a bank with its core business in the Republic." he

The Bank of Ireland, which is acquiring the UK's Bristol & West Building Society for £600 million, reported pre-tax profits little changed at IrEl93.1 million, compared with Ir £193.6 million, broadly in line with market expectations. Earnings slipped slightly to Ir25.2p a share from 25.7p.

The group incurred a \$8 million one-off restructuring charge when it merged First Holdings, its US operation, with Royal Bank of Scotland's Citizens Financial Group, in which it now holds a 23.5 per

cent stake. Group earnings were also adversely affected by an 11 per cent fall in profits in the treasury division to IrE36.9 million. Mr Molloy blamed the drop on a more difficult market environment and on lower loan loss recoveries in

corporate banking.
On the retail side, Bol increased its volume of business in both lending and deposits. Total lending was ahead il per cent, with residential mortgages growing particularly strongly. The di-vision recorded a 6.4 per cent increase in profits to IrE104

A 15 per cent increase in profits to Ir£42 million by other activities, such as life assurance and insurance, was secured by improved sales of its products. Mr Molloy said that Bol

was going through a period of change in its structure and outlook which he believed would leave it stronger in the

He said he hoped the acqui-sition of Bristol & West, which it announced in April, will be completed by the middle of next year. Bristoi & West is the UK's ninth-largest build-

ing society.
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# Newspaper group optimistic

BY CLARE STEWART

PORTSMOUTH & SUNDERLAND Newspapers, the regional newspaper publisher and printer and convenience store operator, suffered a 3 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £4.68 million in the half year to September 28.

In spite of the fall, Charles Brims, chief executive, said: "We are very pleased with these results. We are exactly in line with where we said we would be." Mr Brims said the company is investing about £50 million in expanding its activities in retailing and printing.

Group operating profits rose 4 per cent to

£4.99 million. A 6 per cent growth in advertising revenues to £17.3 million from regional newspapers, such as The News in Portsmouth and the Sunderland Echo, helped to offset the impact in the first half of higher newsprint costs and losing the contract in 1995 to print The independent in Portsmouth.

The company is increasing the interim dividend from 3.86p a share to 4.25p, payable from earnings of Zîp a share, up from 25p last time. Yesterday's results saw the share price climb 5p to 730p.

### Ricardo declines to explain dismissal of chief

BY MARTIN BARBOOM

CHRISTOPHER ROSS has been dismissed as chief executive of Ricardo Group, the automotive engineering and design company, it emerged yesterday. Mr Ross, 52, had been

removed from office "with immediate effect", the company said. He is believed to be in line for a payoff of between £400,000 and £450,000.

Mr Ross, who was appointed four years ago, was on a two-year contract, with an annual salary of £215,000, although his total package, including pension benefits, amounted to £325,000.

Ricardo declined to comment further on the reasons for his departure but indicated that it was not connected to the company's trading performance. The company's trading performance has been unchanged since the annual meeting on November I, when Sir Philip Foreman, the chairman, told shareholders that he expected Ricardo to continue to make steady

In September, the group reported a fall in pre-tax profits to E4.7 million, from 66.2 million, after disposal costs of £870,000. Turnover in the year to June 30 jumped from £85.9 million to £102

At the time of the results, Mr Ross said that the group had taken action that would profits in the short term but leave the group in better shape for the future.

Ricardo had invested heavily, he said, spending £8 million mainly on improved test facilities and computers in Britain and in America. In addition, research and development spending had risen from £2.5 million to £3.2 million. Borrowings had climbed from £1.5 million to E6.7 million.

Ricardo shares were unchanged at 113 p yesterday. Mr Ross is succeeded as chief executive by Rodney Westhead, who has been the group's finance director since 1992. John Baker, who is currently managing director of Ricardo Consulting Engineers, joins the board as an executive director.

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### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Asian demand lifts Oxford Instruments

STRONG DEMAND from Japanese and East Asian markets helped Oxford Instruments, the manufacturer of body-scanning equipment for hospitals and superconductiv-

body-scanning equipment for hospitals and superconductivity magnets, to register a record level of new orders in the first half, rising by nearly 10 per cent. First-half sales, though, showed a more modest growth, increasing by 2.3 per cent to showed a more modest growth, increasing by 2.3 per cent to 59.5 million, while pre-tax profits rose 5.5 per cent, to 59.5 million. The dividend is up 10.5 per cent, to 2.1p.

The profits rise failed to meet City expectations and Oxford shares fell 21½ p to 470p. Oxford Magner Technology, the joint venture company with Siemens that makes equipment for scanners, saw profits fall to 52.4 million, from 63.03 million. Peter Williams, chairman, said that continued political pressure on healthcare costs in markets such as political pressure on healthcare costs in markets such as America had affected demand for products. Overseas sales make up 87 per cent of turnover, with Japan the second largest market after America.

### Hamleys boss sells stake

HOWARD DYER, chairman of Hamleys, the toys retailer, has sold about a fifth of his holding in the company for £1.36 million. He retains a 5.7 per cent stake. The sale, the first significant disposal Mr. Dyer has made since Hamleys floated in 1994, was made to raise capital for a house purchase. Mr Dyer disposed of 317,000 shares at 428p per share on Movember 13. The shares dropped 10p to 424p

### Café Inns sales up

CAFE INNS, the pub company listed on the Alternative investment Market, said yesterday that it had shrugged off decline in its sector with sales growth of 10 per cent in the six months to September 2. But compared with last year, which saw a gain of £170,000 from its now disposed of tenanted inns subsidiary, pre-tax profits stood at £283,000 against £331,000. Michael Norris, finance director, said that the company would add five more managed houses by the end of next year.

### **Action beats forecast**

ACTION Computer Supplies Holdings, which achieved a stock market listing by reversing into Standard Platform Holdings in July, achieved pro-forma profits of £2.058 million after tax in the year to August 30, almost 6 per cent ahead of its own forecast at the time of the change. The company, which supplies information technology products by mail order, said that turnover rose nearly 32 per cent to £134.6 million. The company has net-cash of £1.2 million.

### Megalomedia buy plan

MEGALOMEDIA, the media and recruitment services company led by Lord Saidtiff, is to continue to seek investments in complementary businesses. In August it acquired holdings in Webmedia, a Web site design company, and Netnames, an Internet name-registration service, to add to The Multimedia Corporation and Cybercase. In the six months to September 30. pre-tax profits rose to £868,000, from £39,000, Earnings were 1.14p a share (0.48p). Again there is no dividend.

### Lynx leaps ahead

LYNX HOLDINGS, the computer software and services company, achieved a strong rise in pre-tax profits, to £5.95 million from £2.56 million, in the year to September 30, helped by a contribution from Vistec Group, the computer services business acquired in October 1995. Earnings rose to 5.36p a share, from 4.7p. The total dividend is increased to 1.75p, from 1.55p, with a final dividend of 1.3p, due to be paid on February 3. Lynx said it continued to seek growth through acquisitions.

### Radstone cuts losses

RADSTONE TECHNOLOGY, the manufacturer of digital electronic equipment, said yesterday that it expected to return to profit in the 1997-98 financial year. The company said a strong recovery in the order book to \$16 million was beginning to translate into an improved operating performance. In the half-year to September 30, pre-tax losses were reduced to El.41 million, from £2.63 million. Losses were 9.1p a share, reduced from 13,43p.

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### Paper drop hits Scapa

in paper production held back profits growth at Scapa, the

paper printing supplier (Fraser Nelson writes).

David Dunn, Scapa's chief executive, said non-paper activities. ities - almost 50 per cent of business - delivered a stronger performance, with operating profits up £3.3 million to £14.9

million, for the six months to September 30, on sales up 7 per cent, at £265 million. Earnings were 8.6p per share (7.9p). An interim dividend of 1.920 (1.79p) is due on February 3. Analysis downgraded year-end forecasts from £72 million to £62 million.

Shanks is given boost by recovery at Rechem

By KEITH RODGERS

SHANKS & McEWAN, the waste management group, achieved a 7.3 per cent rise in million in the half year to

September 28.

The figure, which was slightly above expectations. was aided by a turnround at Rechem, the incineration busiwhich reported a £600,000 operating profit against a £100,000 loss for the same period last year. Increased waste collection volumes and an improvement in the company's electricity generation business also offset an increase in landfill costs.

Hoare Govett, the company's broker, raised its full-year profit forecast from £20.7 million to £22.7 million, partly as a result of a contract to handle contaminated material from the millennium site at Greenwich. A bottleneck in the rendering industry created by the BSE cull has also allowed Shanks & McEwan to pick up a number of spot landfill disposal contracts for other

animal carcases. The company said it is too early to judge the impact of the landfill tax introduced on October I, but said it will maintain a range of waste services including recycling facilities.

Earnings per share climbed 6.6 per cent to 3.9p. The interim dividend, payable on January 6, rises to 1.3p a share from 1.2p. The company has a net cash balance of £2 million. and Michael Averill, group chief executive, said it would continue to look for acquisitions after making five purchases so far this year.



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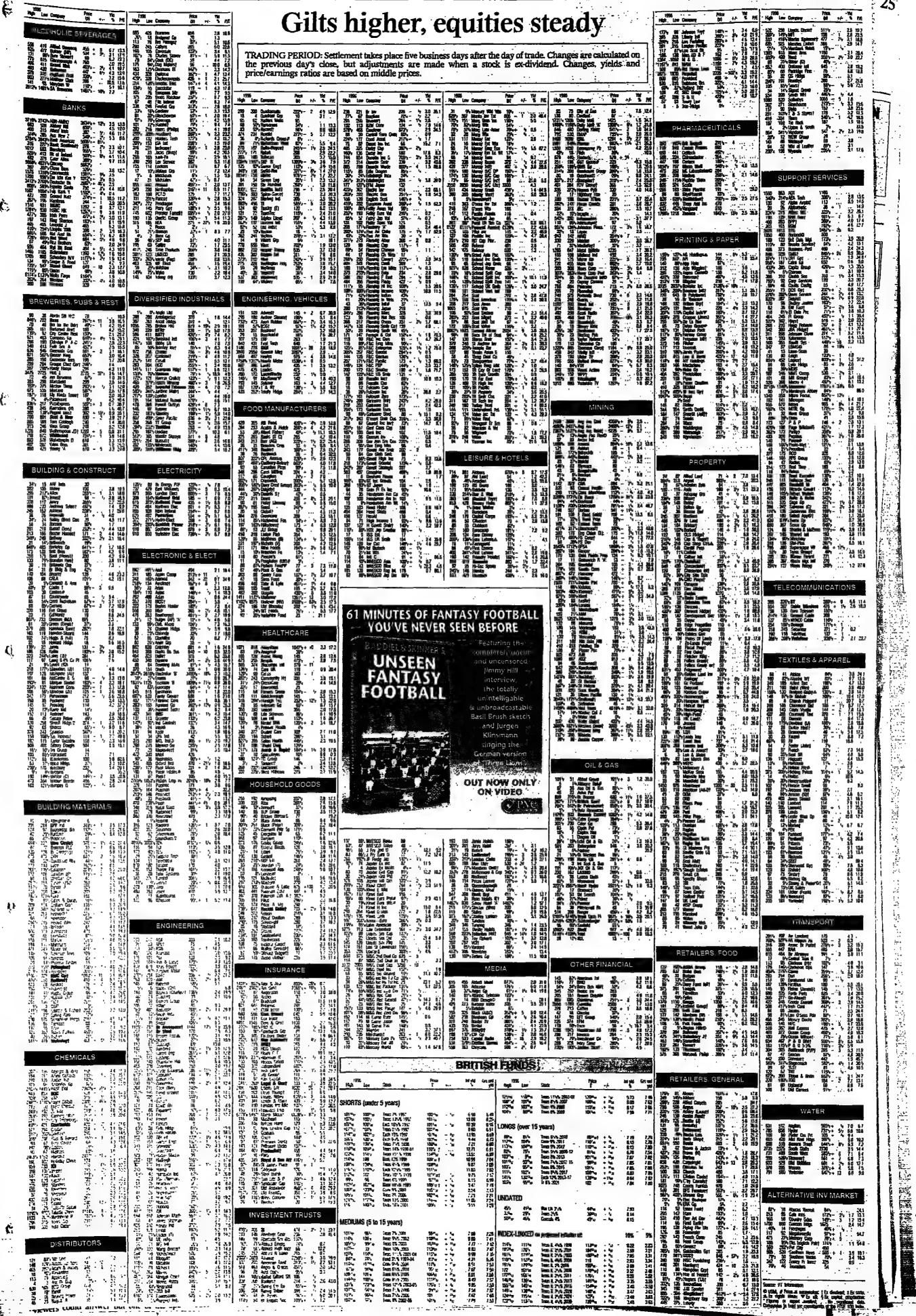
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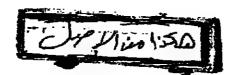
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THEATRE 1

Rostand's couplets are put through a Glasgow mincer in Communicado's bracing Cyrano de Bergerac



THEATRE 2

Lynn Redgrave muses poetically on her relationship with her daddy in Shakespeare For My Father





OPERA 1

The Guildhall students sing Cavalli's Calisto well enough, but miss the humour



OPERA 2

.. but British Youth Opera enters with gusto into Vaughan Williams's Sir John in Love

THEATRE: Rumbustious Scots let Cyrano slip from their grasp; Lynn Redgrave looks for paternal love

# How to blow a Frenchman's nose



Conked out: Tom Mannion gives a credible performance as Cyrano but the production lacks pathos

Metropolis as "two films glued together by their and a similar comment could be made of Edmond Rostand's remarkable yet ridiculous "heroic comedy". One half of this monster presents the potentially fruitful story of a fright-faced man expressing his feelings for the woman he loves by composing letters for another man to send her in his own name. The other half can only repeat the 19th century's tired old fantasies of undying and selfless love. The genuine dramatic output of the first is frittered away in the suppiness of the second.

Communicado, the Scottishbased company that exhibits such a splendidly vigorous response to classic texts, boldly translating them into a broad local idiom and generally larking about the stage in uninhibited joy, has squeezed RosCyrano de Bergerac Almeida

tand's couplets through a Glasgow mincer. Edwin Morgan (a Scot despite his surname) turns the mincer's handle and the result is a rumbustious, quirkily rhyming version that tosses the dialogue back and forth so giddily that sometimes three speakers contribute to a single line.

The rhymes can be groaningly dreadful. "You've made too many enemies," a triend tells Cyrano, who replies: "Why, how many tonight became venomous?" Moreven comes up with a rhyme for his hero's name when Fiona Bell's Roxane, arranging for him to miss the Siege of Arras, admits that "he'll kill me for scratching his war, I know". It sounds almost passable

Gerry Mulgrew's direction works hard to be as imaginative as the new text. Costumes cover a range of four centuries, from the Louis XIII wig and cloak of Rob Pickavance's suave Comte de Guiche through caps of liberty and a 1920s vamp to the studded leather jackets of the hyperactive cadets of Gascony. In the baffling first act, where characters with names like Carbon de Castel-Jaloux come and go. Mulgrew makes it difficult to tell what is actually going on. Who are these people? When will the plot

Gordon Davidson's sets, consisting of endlessly rearrangeable restlessness, though it is enjoyable to watch them being turned around so that fairground booths become a pastry cook's shop-windows, Rox-ane's balcony, the redoubt at Arras and finally the cloisters where the

dying alongside her, reveals the truth he has fatuously concealed.

I say fatuous because the rough and earthy text works against the play's romantic assumptions. Tom Mannion, an actor I greatly admire for his strength and subtlety, equipped for Cyrano with a nose like a dodo's beak, credibly suggests the alarm of a man losing his identity by loving for a rival. But his general behaviour is just too quick and canny to convince us that eternal self-sacrifice can be part of his emotional constitution,

The evening does have its amusing moments, briskly performed by cast who will readily pick up a trombone or sax for a jazz interlude, but only rarely did I sense the pathos, or even the harsh ironies of fate, that the play is said to have disclosed to audiences of yore.

JEREMY KINGSTON

# I want to be Daddy's girl

seen through haze. Then the A silvery shape on the black curtain behind the Haymarket stage becomes a bit brighter, and is vestigially recognisable as the face of the man Lynn Redgrave is about ruefully to celebrate from down front. It belongs to her father, and comes and goes during her onewoman show. And that is as it should be, for Lynn's message is that Sir Michael was inscrutable, faintly discernible through the clouds, never someone easy to reach or openly to love.

Redgrave's Shakespeare For My Father has had considerable success in America, but has taken its time to reach the city and one of the theatres where Sir Michael established himself as the most emotionally ravaged of the great actors. It was worth the wait, for it combines it, technical skill and human feeling. The format, in which Redgrave slips intermittently from reminiscence to Shakespearean speech, sometimes seems a mite contrived. But who cares, when she effectively communicates her desperate yearning for a father who was a father rather than a series of gorgeous roles?

She cuts a fine, sure figure these days, but as a child she thought of herself as "round and glum, like a mushroom". When she was born, her father's diary mentioned lunching at the Garrick but not her arrival. When she was Theseus in a school play, the seat reserved for him stayed empty. He was a daunting, charismatic figure she hero-worshipped from afar, but only towards the end, when he was succumbing to Parkinson's disease,

exchanged words of love.

The evening is sometimes heartchurning, but laughter is never far off. Sometimes this is blackish, as when the dying Michael believes his hospital bed to be a stage fenced off by curtains through which it is unprofessional to peck. But often the memories are straightforwardly funny. For instance, Redgrave recalls an anxious Noel Coward begging the cast of Hay Fever to treat the difficult Edith Evans as a carrots and sugar for Edith!"

Redgrave is a good mimic and

Shakespeare For My Father Haymarket

Olivier and Tony Richardson tell-Dream "as a giraffe". As the Viola who cannot tell her love, or the forgiving Cordelia, she makes you feel it is a pity she has tackled Shakesneare so seldom. But the evening is less about herself than about her search for her dad. Did you know that Sir Michael's recurring nightmare was looking into a dressing-room mirror before going on as Hamlet, and seeing his makeup and his face pour down his chest, leaving a blank in their place? If he eluded his daughter, he also eluded himself.

NIGHTINGALE



Lynn Redgrave in the shadow of Sir Michael: wit and feeling

"LIOT FROM BROADWAY, AND I MEAN

OPERA: Good music but poor taste from a student version of Cavalli; exuberant fun from Vaughan Williams; and a banal computer-generated premiere

# All straps and studs

HUMOUR is a funny thing at the best of times: Latino-Mediterranean humour is funnier than most other sorts, and something that Anglo-Saxons find it hard to reproduce. Giovanni Faustini's libretto for Cavalli's Calisto (1651) is wickedly witty and sophisticated, its tastelessness tastefully understated.

Both Peter Hall and David Freeman in their very differ-ent ways found a kind of matching style in earlier stagings, but in the hands of the GSMD's production team the anarchic gender couplings set off by Jove's disguise as Diana emerge as merely dour and mucky. A vein of fetishism in the costumes seemed inappropriate - Jove wore shiny high-heeled boots - and the Sylvans' beating-up of Endymiun was downright of fensive. Call me old-fashioned, but some things are best left to emisenting adults

Musically the evening is rather happier. Nicholas Kok conducts Paul Daniel's performing edition, originally made for Opera Factory, with

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La Calisto Guildhall School of Music and Drama

fluent ease, and the small ensemble - just two violins plus continuo - produces a properly authentic sound. It was bold to perform the opera in Anne Ridler's English translation given that half the principals were from abroad; I suppose that the way things are going nowadays only foreigners can scrape together the fees, a nice compliment to our colleges but perhaps not what they are primarily designed for.

Singing 17th-century opera in so pure an edition certainly separates sheep from goats. This has less to do with nationality or clarity of diction than with actually thinking the words and what they mean. Erner McGilloway led the field with her crisply projected Juno, every consonant neatly in place, every line milked for its meaning through velvety, firmly

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moulded mezzo tone. The Lithuanian soprano Liubov Chuchrova matched her in clarity and communicativeness as a burly Satirino, and William Purefoy's Endymion was equally immediate in delivery: his counter-tenor is forward and bright rather than hooty-

through-the-head. There were other fine voices on show, but with impressive vocal rather than communication cords. The Swedish soprano Magdalena Brānland fielded gleaming tone as Diana, and her compatriot Marie Birve was only marginally less accomplished in the title role (a clear top, as yet cloudy bottom). The German-born bass Panito Iconomou boomed sonorously as Jove, and the Australian tenor Christopher Saunders displayed an ease in the upper register that should stand him in good stead in the French

Barroque repertory. Those with a penchant for straps, stude and a bit of fladge might like to know that there are repeat performances today and tomorrow; those interested in Venetian opera may prefer to stay away.

RODNEY MILNES



YOU have to hand it to Vaughan Williams for sheer, nuddy-faced cheek. Only 30 years after the premiere of Verdi's masterpiece, Falstaff, **RVW** strides out fearlessly over exactly the same Shakespearean ground.

The unique and sprawling hybrid of ballad opera, incidental music and Merrie England-style numbers which is Sir John in Love has only ever seen two professional staged productions. While Vaughan Williams may well have stopped short at making claims for the work quite as elevated as those paraded in British Youth Opera's programme notes, I suspect he would have had nothing but warm admiration for the spirited concert performance which the company brought to Oxford and London.

The opera's central shortcoming is simple: there are too many characters and not enough characterisation. The

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Knight on the town

Sir John in Love Sheldonian, Oxford

ear is constantly drawn away from the foreground action to the background panorama: those great orchestral back-drops of modal melody, rolling smooth as chalk downland, or busily woven as a mock-Tudor tapestry of strong, folksy threads. But to efocus our attention Timothy Dean, conducting, helpfully introduced the 18 characters whose constant bustle of exits

of comic business worked far harder to engage the audience than did a note of Vaughan Williams's score itself. With not a second of music

to woo us over to his side, Andrew Shore simply rode through his robust and fulsome writing with confidence and flair. No matter, either, that Fenton's lovesong to Anne was undercut by the singalong chorus: Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks's ardent tenor and Helen Lothian's clear soprano gave bright outline to their characters.

The fragrance of Vaughan Wiliams's pot-pourti of nine folksongs-for-the-spotting, extra Shakespeare ditties, and odd petals from other men's ers (Jonson, Middleton and Marlowe) constantly distracts the listener from emotional engagement. Yet Joanna Campion as Mistress Quickly a lustrous mezzo talent to watch out for). Louise

# Which way to the exit?

music theatre and contemporary music at The Place began mauspiciously with a new opera of rare mediocrity. Hilary Finch writes. New Millennium Opera took it upon itself to present the premiere of The Master and Margarita, a numbing tribute by Darryl Way (of Curved Air fame) to Mikhail Bulgakov's surreal and saturical novel. Inspired by David Graham-Young's stage adaptation, Way sought to enhance the

tale by adding music. Here

are the extraordinarily imagi-

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witches and informing black cats. And all dragged down by a lazy, unselfcritical score in which quasi-minimalist figures chunter endlessly below long stretches of ill-directed dialogue, drab melodies, limited chord sequences and unchanging tempos.

The entire score is keyboard and computer-generated, and prerecorded, to which the singers sing along. Every bar, save a limping waltz-song for Margarita (Fiona Rose) and an embarrassing dance in the flat of the sinister Woland (Deryck Harnon), is characterised by an unchanging four beats. They are conducted by Mark Etherington, who sits rigidly in front of a keyboard

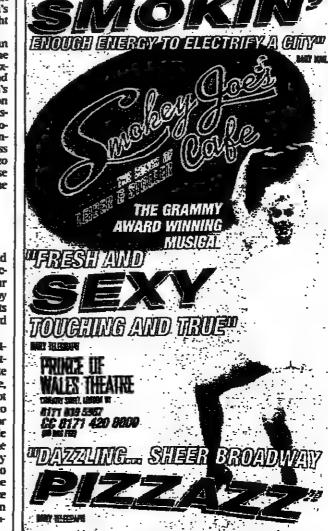
Which he never touches.

A narrator (Thomas Wheatley) and a series of lightprojected backdrops narrate the drama which the score, and Graham-Young's inept production, are impotent to convey. Poor Master, poor Margarita. And poor little Lauren and Rosie who, the programme tells us, heroically stayed "out of Daddy's studio when he was working". One second spent in their presence would, I suspect, have been worth more than this twohour celebration of banality.

plum), and Henry Moss's elegant tenor Slender worked particularly hard to animate their cameos. For all its frustrations and longueurs, Sir John was a cunning choice for the many young and eager

has the famous Greensleeves voices of British Youth Opera and, thanks to the outstanding playing of the Oxford University Chamber Orchestra, provided an evening of unexpected rewards.

HILARY FINCH





First they saw Take That in action, then they tried it for themselves. Now Orlando notch up their second release



POP 2

From the Geordie country sounds of Jimmy Nail on his new Crocodile Shoes CD ...





and the soldiérly lyricism of Robson and Jerome in duet mode



POP 4

... to the muscular ditties of the Gladiators: a TV series is a sure way to sell a pop album

# Who's as fey as Virginia Woolf?

Orlando have a simple ambition - to become

Stock, Aitken and Waterman, but with make-up

Rimop is becoming awfully wearying terrace chants set to a Status Quo B-side. This stomping and clomping is all very well if you're in a gang, on the crest of a wave and beered leaves very little room for those who are stranded in small towns, full of self-doubt. The boorish climate of the charts has rather alienated those who provide pop's greatest impetus - the weeds, the loners, the freaks.

the over-read and underfed. Previously, the poetry readers and the self-hate breeders would look to the Manic Street Preachers and Suede for succour. These were gigs that were "safe" to go to: you wouldn't get beaten up for wearing nuclear-strength make-up and a wedding dress, and the lyrics and imagery were a liferaft in the choppy seas

But with success came fans who "weren't into" the ethos, just the music. Suddenly, even gigs by these bands were filled with the kind of people you have to watch nervously - moustaches, blouson leather jackets and a pint in each fist. And so the weird have had to

Orlando are the first post-Suede band to issue a rallying call. Pretty much every gig in London for the past year has had the Orlando Moment: two tall, besuited men, the photographic negative of each other, sweep into the room. Dickon acts like David Bowie's ghost, had Bowie died on the set of The Man who Fell to Earth:

yellow meringue hair and a furled umbrella, spooked eyes and an awkward selfpossession. Tim is vaguely aquatic — as if he'd spent a portion of his life in a rank and huge, humorous eyes. Both have bodies that are ganglesome and lank, raised on the wholesome British diet of white bread and butter, tea and cigarettes. Their debut single. Just

For a Second. was a glorious

CAITLIN MORAN

disco drama with a thread of Marc Almond will cover it at some point, and then it will stay at No 5 for three weeks. Unfortunately. Orlando didn't get the chance to take it into the charts themselves. as their record company underestimated how well it would sell, and simply didn? press enough copies to meet demand. "We'll rerelease it at some

point." Tim says. "I really want it to be a huge hit so it can be playing as I enter a school reunion. I've spent a lot of time imagining that school reunion — I'll have a supermodel on one arm, and a leopard on a lead. I may later release the leopard among the more cynical of my former peers."

Tim and Dickon were both

primarily because he was called Dickon, was beaten up every day. Figuring this was never going to change. he came out at 15 and "gave them a reason". Tim was moved from a condemned house to a rough council estate, and, as a frail boy.

was frequently booted.

Dickon decided that his band was to be called Orlando, and auditioned "all the good-looking men" for his lead singer. But, as they were largely unwilling to sing his anthems of self-loathing and desperation. he was still without a singer until he met Tim in London. After seeing Take That at Wembley. Or-lando were spurred into

A deal with Warner Bros swiftly followed their appearance on the cover of Melody Maker, allowing them to branch out into their other interests. We're writing songs for the next Boyzone album." Tim says. The aim is to become Stock. Aitken and Waterman, but with make-up." On the evidence of their

second release. The Magic EP. that shouldn't be a problem. The first track. Don't Kill My Rage, is like a classy, disco-pop Smiths. Swivelling 180 degrees. Fa-tal is a muscled, febrile slice of menacing swingboat. Hearing Tim sing these songs is a joy — it seems every note and emotion is within his range. Such eclecticism, however, will make things difficult.

'We're a cause, though.' Tim says. "I've just thought of that. Orlando are a

 The Magic EP is released on Monday by Blanco y Negro

# Hit songs are just a big act

So you wanna be a rock'n'roll star? Get yourself into a

TV series, says Alan Jackson

ecord retailers who read the pop indus-try's trade paper Music Week have been left in no doubt as to why they should bulk-order Jimmy Nail's new LP Crocodile Shoes II (out on Monday). This is the ultimate TV advertised album!" boasted the full-

page colour advertisement, and for once the hyperbole was justifed. After all, last night a help-ful BBC began screening the sixpart follow-up to Nail's earlier Crocodile Shoes series (itself the parent of a million-selling soundtrack).

with prime-time exposure guaranteed right until that moment when Santa loads the last gift-wrapped CD on to the sleigh and sets about harnessing up his reindeers. Clever Mr Nail for coming

up with the idea of a drama based on the rise and subsequent fall of factory workerturned-C&W star Jed Sheppard in the first place, let alone for then writing, producing and starring in it. The stroke of genius, though, was in making his character a singersongwriter. Were Sheppard an aspiring novelist, would we would-be Booker winner we'd seen him labouring over on-TV in the guise of a singer, and let them perform a half-decent song - even if it's only halfdecently - and punters will fight to part with their money. Nail was a regular on the

before he found **6** A single by Oz in Auf Wie the actress years of national who plays a barmaid in Heartbeat is on its way 9 Anymore and Three in 1985.

That he was able subse quently to generate a hit in his own right was proved conclusively by 1992's Ain't No Doubt, which topped the charts despite no TV tie-in. Similarly, his largely self-written 1995 LP Big River achieved platinum status on its own merits. But Elyse Taylor, marketing director for Nail's record label, East West, admits that prolonged TV exposure was the extra element "which allowed the original Crocodile Shoes to lift off into the stratosphere". And at

calculate what would have been the cost to us of guaran-teeing that amount of peaktime publicity for the LP but, suffice to say, it would be way beyond any budget we might have to spend." Taylor says.

But if she is appreciative of the benefits of this synergy between pop and TV, Simon Cowell would appear to be building a career on it. "Ten years ago, while working for a small label called Fantare, I first became aware of radio's growing hostility towards straightforward pop music," says Cowell, who works in the artists and repertoire division of the company BMG. "I was involved in two huge hits by Sinitta, So Macho and Toy Boy. Those records sold like mad, but got only a couple of plays a week on Radio I, simply because they weren't to the station's personal taste. That they could still do so well thanks to TV exposure set me

1991 and, having no-ticed that the World Wrestling Federation was pulling in audiences of more than 600,000 ("most of them totally fanatical kids") per show on Sky TV, signed up its main names, called them WWF Superstars and was rewarded with a No 4 hit. Slam Jam. Later there would follow two other youth-cult te-ins: the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers' track Power Rangers, and Zig and Zag's Them Girls, Them Girls, both of which made the Top Ten in

His biggest success, though, came from monitoring viewer reaction to an episode of the drama series Soldier, Soldier. On the show, actors Robson Green and Jerome Flynn performed the modern standard Unchained Melody - and the next day fans were at record store counters across the coun-



Thanks to Cowell, it soon was, as was an album. Both became million-selling charttoppers in the run-up to last Christmas. A year later Robson and Jerome are back: their current hit What Becomes of the Broken Hearted has had two weeks at No I. and firstweek sales of around 750,000 for the follow-up LP. Take Two, have put it No 2 in the

Given such resounding success, you might expect Cowell

to be resting on his laurels, but no. Another single, Hillbilly Rock, Hillbilly Roll by the Woolpackers (as seen on Emmerdale), debuted in the Top Ten last Sunday, while a nation waits in breathless anticipation for cover versions of Thin Lizzy's The Boys are Back in Town by the Gladiators, and the Supremes' Where Did Our Love Go, by actress Tricia Penrose (you know - the barmaid in Heartheat).

Now he is busy with prep rations for Christmas 1997. What TV-related horrors - er, delights - will he be unleashing on us then? "Even if I

wanted to tell you. I couldn't," he says. "I haven't quite got all the acts signed up yet." Does Cowell not fear prose-

ular music? "Some people love

loathe them." he says. "But as

long as enough want to buy

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Wright makes his
most determined
bid yet to find
stardom as a soloist





POP 7

Singer Kevin
Salem delivers
plenty of raw,
old-fashioned
rock'n'roll on
his new Glimmer



POP 8

... and Johnny
Cash assembles the
most extraordinary
range of material
ever marshalled by
a country singer

POP ALBUMS: More artifice, less heart from the Lightning Seeds - so David Sinclair puts all his money on Cash

# We won't miss the prime of Ian Broudie

LIGHTNING SEEDS Dizzy Heights (Epic 486640 £13.99).

WHEN they write the history of Britpop, the Lightning Seeds will be remembered as one of those groups who, despite their stature at the time, cast virtually no stradow. Rather like ELO in the 1970s, lan Broudie and his cohorts effortlessly distif a shrewd songwriting skill into quality three-minute pop times that fit seanliessly into the current scheme of things. But no one will ever cite them as an influence or suggest that they were one of the prime movers in events going on around them.

Like Joilification before it, Dizzy Heights is an undemanding collection of songs, crisply produced by Brandie, Simon Rogers and Dave Bascombe, that invite the listener to tap a toe or humalong, but which betray a lack of original inspiration.

Broudie's bright, personality-free singing style is perfectly suited to lyrics which sound dramatic, but actually say very little. "Instead of making me glad/it's driving me mad," he sings in Fingers and Thumbs, one of the more cleverly organised numbers.

Even when he does get his teeth into something more substantial, such as Nicky Wire's typically hungover lyric to Waiting for Today to Happen or the barbed musings of Sugar Coated Ice berg (co-written by Babybird), Broudie still makes the whole thing sound unerringly like business as usual.

RICK WRIGHT Broken China

(EMI 8 53645 E15.49)
FOREVER cast in the bridesmaid's role when it comes to writing for Pink Floyd, keyboard player Rick Wright makes his most determined bid yet to reach the altar with his third solo album. A slowly

Business as usual from Ian Broudie (second from left) and the Lightning Seeds on their latest waxing, Dizzy Heights

unfurling odyssey which expiores the frankly unpromising theme of depression from its childhood origins to the fragmentation of personality which ensues in adult life — Broken China's sombre type and measured sait will be

Broken China's sombre tone and measured gait will be familiar to Floyd fans, if a somewhat daunting prospect for anyone else.

The lyrics, written by for-

The lyrics, written by former Floyd collaborator Anthomy Moore, are sung for the most part by Wright apparently masquerading as an undertaker. Apart from a momentary uplift at the end, they conjure an unremitting sense of gloom, and even Sinead O'Connor, who sings two of the tracks, seems emo-

and even dolorous lines as: "I know it's who sings not terminal/But I'm near seems emo- half-dead with fright/And

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playing of Crazy Horse's Frank "Poncho" Sampedro, the song, which is called Run Run, is just about the perfect opening shot for an album of raw, old-fashioned, desperado rock'n'roll. It is certainly not the sort of thing you would expect to hear from a singer called Kevin.

Salem has played with a succession of critically acclaimed under-achievers, no-

soaring guitar breaks and bolstered by the rhythm guitar.

Salem has played with a succession of critically acclaimed under-achievers, notably Dumptruck, Freedy Johnston and Yo La Tengo, as well as producing the debut album by Madder Rose. His second album in his own right, Glimmer fuses the songwriting craft of Paul Westerberg with the gung-ho spirit of vintage Neil Young (the album is produced by Young's former associate Niko Bolas).

while none of the ensuing tracks quite scale the dizzy heights of Run Run Run, there are some marvellous moments, especially on the slow, shambling ballad, Trouble, where glistening clusters of notes from David Mansfield's pedal steel fall like tears on the dusty ground.

JOHNNY CASH

freezing cold." So, although .

sumptuously played and pre-

sented, this is not an album

that brings much cheer, sea-

(Roadrunner RR 8877 £15.49)

A BLUESY guitar chord sidles

up to the note, a reedy harmonica blows like the ghost of

Dylan past, and then a throaty American voice starts singing:

They shoot down angels

around here for laughs/Bury

dark horses just for running

past." Liberally laced with

sonal or otherwise.

KEVIN SALEM

Glimmer

Unchained
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CONTINUING the unlikely renaissance that began with his 1994 album American Recordings, Johnny Cash here assembles possibly the most extraordinary range of material ever marshalled by a country singer of any vintage, and interprets it all brilliantly.

interprets it all brilliantly.

Presumably producer Rick
Rubin can take the credit for
introducing Cash to Beck's
Rowboat and Soundgarden's
Rusty Cage, both of which he
ingeniously strips down to
their bare essentials, and for
encouraging him to revisit
some of the material which
inspired his earliest work,
such as The One Rose, record-

ed by Jimmie Rodgers in 1932. But it is the indomitable Cash himself, ably supported by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, who finds the nuggets of pure gold buried in so many unlikely places.

From the raw emotion of Josh Haden's Spiritual ("Jesus, oh Jesus, I don't wanna die alone") to the knockabout

humour of Geoff Mack's tongue-twisting I've Been Everywhere. Cash draws on every ounce of his experience, while displaying the performing vigour of a man half his age. Unchained is a tour de force, the like of which few of the younger country stars, let alone any of his contemporaries, could even contemplate.

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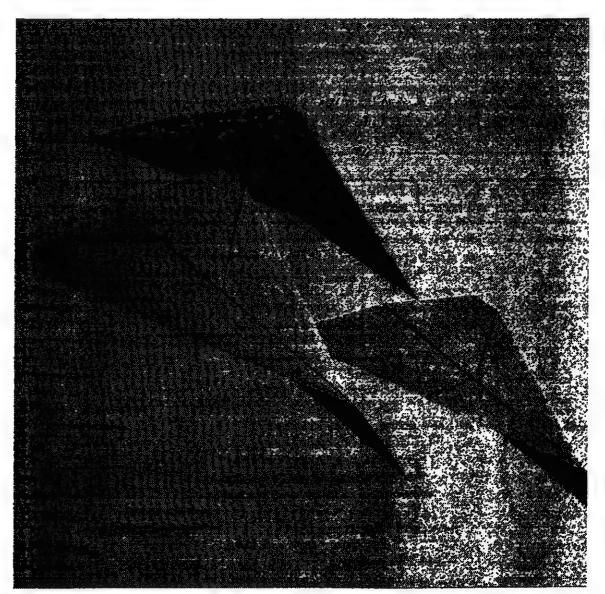
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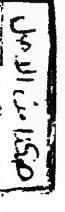
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**MUSIC** 

Coals to Newcastle: the US composer William Bolcom is bringing his vast setting of Blake's poetry to London

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LONDON

THE NUM Greenwich Studio Theatre in Ende revives Margaret Forsyth's impressive production of Diderol's study of pain and pession behind the convert walls BAC Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Opens tonight, 7 30pm, Then

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of fire A huge choral setting of William Blake comes to London on Sunday. John Allison reports used the Michigan forces as a kind of unday on the South Bank sees

one of the biggest events of the musical season: the first performance here of the American composer William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and Experience. The work is big in every sense of the word, and at this concert Leonard Slatkin will be conducting a BBC Symphony Orches-tra augmented to include a battery of brass and percussion, organ and electric guitar, vocal soloists, a rock singer and narrator, plus three choirs. But there is more to Bolcom's threehour epic than logistics. It has been described by the critic of The Boston Globe as "the largest and the greatest achievement of synthesis in American music since Porgy and Bess".

The 58-year-old composer is shy about such comparisons, and a little apprehensive about bringing his William Blake settings to London. "I feel I'm carrying oads to Newcastle. What is everybody going to think of this upstart American coming in and dealing with old Billy on his home territory?" Blake's visionary poetry may be familiar here, but we need to hear more of Bolcom, who was last in London two-and-a-half years ago for a cabaret concert with his wife, the singer Joan Morris. He has written prolifically for most genres and is an engaging composer, a latter-day lves open to all kinds of American music.

All kinds of music certainly feature in Songs of Innocence and Experience, which remains — so far — his grand work. Bolcom was a freshman at college in his native Seattle when, in 1956, he set a few of the poems to music. But most were composed during the 1970s. The piece was premiered in Stuttgart in 1984, and given again shortly afterwards at the University of Michigan, where Bolcom teaches, "I'd

ONE pleasure of the Schubert Quartet series at present fea turing the Takacs Quartet is the opportunity to hear the composer's early ventures into this form, usually left to one side in favour of the later masterpieces. The fourth programme in the series from the Hungarian visitors had two examples of what some might classify as the composer's "juvenilia", respectively composed when he was aged 16

Nobody is going to make extravagant claims for the earlier of these, D47 in C

template for my orchestration - the brass and percussion bias is typical of a. Midwestern university. I write for performers, for a violinist, not a violin. One of the big lies of the world is that one size fits all. You can't write music like that - it would all sound generic."

Countless composers have set poems from these Blake cycles, but none more systematically than Bolcom, who was drawn to them as a teenager. "I fell in love with Blake, and read all I could get my hands on. I was lucky that at university they allowed me into the poetry class. I didn't pretend to become a poet, but I learnt how to write it, to understand how it's made. That made me more sensitive in setting it."

lake's diverse forms are matched in musicai styles, including jazz and reggae, rock and country. But the poetry had a much wider influence on Bolcom, who admits that it shaped his whole musical personality. polystylism came, if anything, from Blake. I was driven to it because of the poems ... I realised it was the progenitor of a lot of my attitudes. I've always disliked the barriers we've imposed on music We've become too stratified in our

notions about what makes music classical or popular. The whole classical business stinks pretty much - it's been too successful in separating itself. Even the avant-garde is dealing with 19th-century 'isms' taken to extremes. We've just been through a long mannerist period, which was necessary. But now we're on to the next step, the kind of fusion which I think Blake taught me. I wasn't able to separate my interest in different kinds of music, and I'm encouraged that many composers.



William Bolcom, the composer of Songs of Innocence and Experience

teach today feel the same way." as "one of the more opening experibits of his pop opera Dynamite Tonite "I never got a direct response, but no solemnity in my music." Messiaen was always far more accepting of different ideas than my censorience will be performed at the Festival Hall ing of different ideas than my censori-ous classmates!" Milhaud he describes on Sunday at 7pm (0171-960-4242)

Bolcom's teachers included Milhaud ences of my life. His openness was so and Messiaen. He remembers playing rare. He had a terrific sense of humour, he was serious but never in Messiaen's Musical Aesthetics class. solemn. That influenced me - there's

Youth and beauty

major, but as a specimen of precocious invention it displays an instinctive sense of musical poetry in its melody, and a disarming exuberance that must have come from somewhere beyond the borders of Vienna. A spirited performance endeared its youthful vitality to our ears.

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Schubert just five days to write, how about his proud claim for the first movement of Dl12 in B flat being "finished in four and a half hours"? He added this note to the manuscript, and we could well believe it in the light of a

performance here that captured its insouciance and an abundance of youthful optimism in perfectly shaded.

The quartet was joined by Louise Hopkins as second cellist for the C major String Quintet (D956). There is no almost symphonic grandeur.

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Simon Midgley on Britain's apparent slide down the international mathematics league table

# Are we failing by numbers?

hose who bemoan the state of mathematics in England's schools will have new and powerful ammunition next week. The main international comparisons in the subject will show pupils slipping back in relation to the rest of the

England will emerge as 3 per cent below the global average in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, having been 3 per cent above the norm in 1990. Among industrialised nations, only the United States approaches our poor performance in basic areas such as algebra and number work.

For some time there has been a widespread view that mathematics education is in crisis. Our schools, it is said, are producing pupils who are mathematically less able than their forebears, as well as their contemporaries abroad.

Children, so the critics would have us believe, are no longer able to do simple sums, and undergraduates lack many of the key mathematical skills they need to study science or maths at university level.

The apparently parlous state of contemporary mathematics is usuilly contrasted unfavourably with in historic golden age when childen were taught the basic core kills. This idyll is invariably ollowed by respectful homage to he mathematical achievements of students in the Asian "tiger" econonies of the Pacific Rim countries. Does this grim and crudely implified picture bear any sem-

plance to reality? The short answer cems to be yes and no. Last month three-day symposium at the ondon University Institute of Eduation considered the state of nathematics education internaionally. In particular it examined he question of how maths educaion needs to change if it is to movide the skills society will require in the new millennium.

Margaret Brown, of King's Collone London, highlighted the results of several studies in international achievement which showed that the vast majority of the population in the UK had a comparatively low attainment, either leaving school at lu after following an unambitious curriculum, or staying on in education but studying no further mathematics.

In the new Asian economies, Professor Brown added, the emphasis given to mathematics com-



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bined with the decision to educate all to the highest possible level produced a significantly greater number of people with higher levels of mathematical attainment. However, the same surveys also found that in the UK a small elite had a very high mathematical

attainment on leaving school.
Richard Noss, Professor of
Mathematics Education at the Institute of Education, says that several of the widespread concerns about mathematics education are well founded and might well be a consequence of the obsession with national curriculum tests and examination league tables in schools.

Key areas of mathematics, he says, have more or less disappeared from the curriculum geometry, for example, and the idea of mathematical truths. For all but the very brightest pupils there has been a loss of a strong mathematical culture. It is as if people had stopped reading 20thcentury novels or were unable to

appreciate the music of 19th-centu-

A recent London Mathematical Society report suggested that there was evidence that even the very brightest students coming into universities had difficulty in following chains of logical argument. They were good at answering well formed questions but relatively bad at following an argument through.

Professor Noss says that he would not be surprised if the introduction of the national curric-

ulum in maths, examination league tables and national testing had reduced children's capacity to reason globally in maths and to develop a coherent view of maths as

a way of thinking. One of the effects of the national curriculum, he says, has been to break the maths curriculum into small fragments of knowledge which were then tested by single answer, right or wrong, easily marked examination questions. "It is hardly surprising if people do not emerge from their mathematics education with global reasoning skills and a coherent view of maths as a way of thinking."

Instead of national curriculum tramlines, he adds, we need natlonal curriculum guidelines to re-store teachers' professionalism and creativity. School league tables should be abandoned in their current form, while retaining broad accountability to judge the success of the school system. Most importantly, Professor Noss believes that the status and professionalism of teachers must be restored, and their initial and inservice training improved.

At the seminar, lecturers from Taiwan and Korea expressed concern that mathematics education in their own countries emphasised computational skills, the manipulation of symbols and the memorisation of sets of rules to solve problems at the expense of encouraging students' ability to think creatively and develop mathematical solutions to problems they have not encountered before.

Britain, despite being outperformed by the Pacfic Rim nations in many basic mathematical skills, does very well in creative, problemsolving mathematics. This talent for creative maths. Professor Noss says, may simply be nurtured by the existence in Britain of a generation of teachers who still teach maths as a creative subject.

Paradoxically, it appears, mathematical educators in several of the Pacific Rim nations are deeply envious of Britain's ability to nurture creative mathematicians and have profound reservations about their own nations' rote-teaching approach to maths. In Britain, meanwhile, many politicians and some teachers look enviously at the computational achievements of students in the Far East. There is something, it seems, to be learnt from both approaches.

# Parlez-vous Franglais?

Modern methods of teaching foreign languages are threatening standards

included a Burger King advertisement depicting two burgers. The slogan is "I Whopper Achetė . I Whopper Gratuit. The candidate has to explain in English what the special offer is,

It is now compulsory for every secondary pupil to study a modern foreign language from the age of II. Yet if this is really the standard we expect our 16year-olds to have reached after five years of teaching, surely something has gone wrong?

I still have my 1963 O-level French paper. It required me, among other things, to translate the far from straightforward sentence: "The whole family had come in the car to meet her and they all introduced themselves." French/English

translations include examples of the subjunctive mood and of the past historic tense.

I was taught the agreement of the preceding direct object — La robe que j'ai vue — at around 13 and, well grounded in general grammar, recall no difficulty with it whatsoever. One of the current GCSE syallabuses describes the PDO rule as: "...a structure which even French pupils find difficult. Although most pupils taking the examination will not be expected to produce this correctly, where pupils do use it, this will be taken into consideration." Who says standards haven't declined?

Comparing the rigour of an Olevel modern language course with the transactional triviality of GCSE clearly indicates the insidious lowering of expecta-

tions in recent years. My generation was systematically equipped to use French and/or other languages — in any situation: formal as well as casual. We were therefore well prepared to embark later on the

ne of last summer's reading of classic French texts in GCSE French papers French. if we wished. Doors French, if we wished. Doors were pashed open for us.

GCSE modern languages teaching emphasises speaking and listening in "relevant" situations. Oral examinations are all strictly geared to specific, and precisely laid down, settings such as school, shopping, or food and drink.

The vocabulary lists which most GCSE boards produce are dangerous things. As soon as you catalogue the words which are required learning then you legitimise the perception that no

student need know any words beyond the list. The more we knew the better, our teachers believed. Real education mattered as much as passing the exam. And, for the record, I didn't take French, or any other language, beyond O

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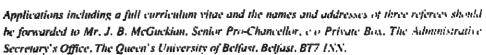
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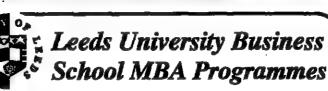
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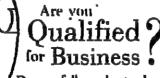


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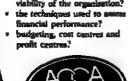
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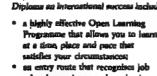


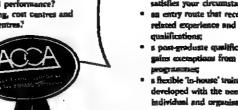
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has found that most are in favour of modular A levels. No doubt sceptics will greet the news with derision, but there were good educational reasons for

the schools' support. The survey confirmed that students taking modular A levels achieve slightly higher grades than pupils taking the traditional "linear" route. But the schools, which included some of the most academically successful in Britain, generally did not subscribe to the barrage of criticism which has been directed at the new style of course.

The main objection to modular A levels appears to be that candidates take exams in bite-sized chunks. "Try a little bit of this exam" ran one mocking headline recently, suggesting that any examination taken in parts is less rigorous than one take at a single sitting. But there is nothing new about taking exams in ways other than by a battery of papers at the end of the course. Extended essays, project work and course work are all long established as legitimate forms of examination. The crucial point, as the survey emphasises, is that any test taken before the end of a course has the advantage of encouraging pupils to work harder earlier. Standards rise accordingly.

This is what so many people remote from the classroom fail to grasp. They seem obsessed with the Peter Chappell challenges the notion that modular A-levels are lowering standards

idea that an exam which enables more people to achieve a high standard must, in fact, be lowering standards. Why do they not see that an exam influences a child's work habits - just as a good teacher can influence them - and thus can raise standards? The best exams are not only rigorous tests but also

The point is underlined by James Miller, Headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School and conductor of the recent survey which records the responses of heads and senior staff. "Those individuals are very experienced and, in the main. distinctly sceptical about current fads," he says. "Most of them started from a position that was strongly opposed to modular

Of course there are some snags to be ironed out. Taking too many early modules, for instance, can put undue pressure on pupils and care needs to be taken to ensure that an early exam in one subject does not disrupt a pupil's work in another.

What is particularly damaging, however, is the ignorant view that modular A levels are somehow easier. In fact, the reverse is just as likely because the exam boards quite properly insist that those who take a module early will still be judged by the standard applied to those taking that same module at the end of the course.

My English department's case is interesting because in the majority of instances it is maths and science departments which are embracing modular courses. Initially we resisted "modularity" on the ground that maturity in English is crucial. The better read a candidate is, the better he or she can respond to any question on any text.

e have also begun to appreciate that modularity makes it easier for schools to offer options within courses, a facility which encourages pupils' motivation. We were keen to build into our A-level English literature course a theatre project option. This would appeal to those who wanted to stick to a combination of traditional A levels but who also wanted to express their interest in plays as texts for performance. Now our pupils take one module early. A choice of options is then available to them in their second year, which is easier for us to manage properly because one core part of the

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Not only are the main arguments against modular A levels thus quite unfounded, they are also motivated by assumptions about falling standards as a whole.

For three good reasons those assumptions are misplaced, despite what the impending government inquiry report on A-level standards is going to tell us.

First, children know better than ever that the world is more competitive. Good grades are necessary to reach desired destinations. Secondly, each year the examinees are increasingly the children of parents who themselves took higher examinations. At home there is greater awareness of the support needed for examination success.

Finally, teachers are better equipped to help, guide and motivate their pupils. For instance, choosing the right A-level subjects was once a very haphazard affair and quality careers advice almost non-existent. All that has largely changed and is improving all the time. In the classroom, too, there has been change, stimulated by improved exams, in an effort to get the best out of our children. Modular exams are just one source of such stimulation.

The author is head of English a

# The cane was once a useful deterrent

Andrew Collier on an effective,

but now dated, punishment

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I did indeed use it, or the slipper, as those then in authority did, on rare and, I suspect, not very painful occasions. I would not have abolished its use, but I do not believe we can bring it back in the present climate. To argue for it in certain quarters would label me merely a backwoodsman. But to be thing different, and the misunderstandings in this view are too deep-rooted for resto-

ration to be a practical option. What today's pupils cannot understand is that it was as well understood a sanction as today's politically correct. properly agreed equivalents. Probably better. It was the known punishment for certain offences where something short and sharp seemed appropriate. This was unlikely to include bullying, the problems of which always

were more serious and deep-rooted Similarly, theft and too comwas usually

used to punish unacceptable behaviour and rulebreaking. which needed dealing with and lorgetting. Today's everyday obscenities were then quite un-

acceptable, and in that climate. a "quick six" preferable to suspension. I believe the boys I beat knew the risks they took and what to expect. I did not shake hands or offer the so easily ridiculed "it hurts me as much

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and symbol of authority and As today's history books describe a horrifyingly frequent use of came, ruler or slipper in the inevitably "bad old days", it is unlikely that today's pupils will understand. I am also conscious that my experience, as teacher and pupil, was mild. I only inherited stories of regimes where the came was in daily use, although I have met these who feel that their schooldays were blighted by it. They are in be taken more seriously than any of the "it never did me any harra" cliches,

because their feelings are real. I believe they are the exception, but there is no doubt that a number of heads and teachers did came excessively, with little thought and, sometimes. with excessive deligits. To them we owe the abolition and the horror which makes it irreversible. But I think it is historically it was not always, and theoretically need not be, the obscene scandal now usu-

ally portrayed.

I also think it important to expose some of the glibber arguments against corporal punishment, not least the often repeated variations on "How can one condemn vioience in general while condoning it as punishment?" To adapt, one might as well say that we cannot tell the thief that because he took someone's possessions we inpocket money him. Punishment is only so defined if it is unpleasant and comes from and with authority; anything else is immoral or kinky.

Anyway, we cannot at this time restore corporal punishment. First, because public have moved on Opponents (and some practitioners) have succeeded in giving the cane such a horrific image that the old understandings are no longer possible. Today's children know their rights, under-

"abuse" (although happily most, still, have never wilnessed it), and have been taught to question all authority. We all recogthis, but there is a price. And, while changed attitudes mean that some find the notion of corporal punishment sinister

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scandalously unacceptable, there are significant problems at the other end of the mood change - violence against teachers is a relatively new phenomenon, at least at a

ow would the canewielding teacher fare against the thugs and gangs resolved to defend or average their cronies? Do we want to fuel further playground wars and draw schools deeper into the confused area of condemning violence in any form?

Secondly, although corporal punishment was not illegal in independent schools. most abandoned it when it became unacceptable to some parents. You cannot run a fair system with double stanpunishing the same offence differently because of parental attitudes. This probiem would now be insuper able; even a Cabinet full of Gillian Shephards would be unlikely to refuse parents a

right to opt out. Finally, the case against restoration wins because most schools have proved they can cope without it. Discipline has not broken down everywhere. Yes, standards have changed, probably slipped, and attitudes to anthority are not what they were. But there are a thousand reasons for this and most children still strive to avoid punishment. I believe the caning issue is an irrelevarice. A political distraction and an election red herring.

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The Court of Appeal rejected that argument and so would his

it was based on what appeared

to be a confusion between two

employer's vicarious liability for

the tornious act of another and a

duty imposed upon the employer

Vicarious liability depended.

with some exceptions, on the

nature of the contractual relation-

ship between the employer and the torticesor. There was liability if the

tortleasor was acting within the scope of his duties under a contract

of employment. Otherwise, gen-

erally speaking, the employer was not vicariously liable.

But section 3 was not concerned

with vicarious liability. It imposed

a duty upon the employer himself. That duty was defined by reference to a certain kind of activity,

namely, the conduct by the em-ployer of his undertaking. It was

indifferent to the nature of the contractual relationships by which

the employer chose to conduct it.

Mr Walker argued that the absence of a right to control the way in which the work was done

employer's relationship with an

independent contractor. So, as

RGP were independent con-tractors, it had to follow that Ocsel

were not in a position to exercise that complete control which was

the basis of liability under section

That seemed to his Lordship to

himself

# Conduct of employer's undertaking

Regina v Associated Octel Co

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Lord Chancellor, Lord Golf of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Musull and Lord Hoffman

[Speeches November 14]

It was a question of fact in each case whether an activity, which caused a risk to the health and safety of persons rust in its employment, amounted to part of the employer's "conduct of his undertaking", within the meaning of section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Associated Octel Co Ltd. against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (The Times August 3, 1943; [1995] ICR 281). of its appeal against emviction on March 19, 1993 at Chester Crown Court Gudge Prosser, QC and a jury) of failing contrary in section 33(1)(a) of the 1974 Act. to discharge the duty imposed by section 3(1) to conduct its undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so lar as was reasonably practicable, that persons not in its employment were not exposed to risks to their health and safety. Section 3 of the 1974 Act

"(I) It shall be the duty of every employer to conduct his undertakfar as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may he affected thereby their health or safety."

Mr Raymond Walker, QC and Mr Julian Waters for Octel: Mr

Kelly v Bastible and Others

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss,

Lord Justice Millett and Lord

When considering, under section 33 of the Limitation Act 1990,

whether to disapply the limitation provisions which would otherwise

be applicable and when weighing

the prejudice to a defendant who

was insured, the correct approach

was to treat the defendant and the

insurer as a composite unit, even

tiff would have no claim against

his solicitor if the claim were not

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defen-dants. John Bastible, James Pat-

rick Bastible and Gordon Arthur

Kimble, executors of the estate of

against a decision of Mr Justice

Wright to allow a claim by the

Dr Christopher Bastible, deceased,

allowed to proceed.

**Ludament Navember III** 

Burnett for the Crown.

LORD HOFFMAN said that Octel operated a large chemical plant at Ellesmere Purt which was shut down in June 1990 for annual maintenance. A small firm of specialist contractors. Resin Glass Products Ltd ("RGP") was engaged in repairing the lining of a tank.
RGP's employee, Mr Cuthbert.

was working in the tank by the light of an electric light bulb attached to a lead. He had to grind the damaged area of the lining. clean it down with acetone and then apply a libreglass matting patch with resin. The acctone was in an old paint bucket and while he was applying it with a brush the light bulb broke causing a flash fire in which Mr Cuthbert was hadly burned.

Octel was prosecuted for breach of section 3(1) of the 1974 Act. The was a failure to control the works so as to ensure that persons not in Octel's employment. Mr Cuthbert was employed by RGP, were not exposed to risks to their health and

RGP operated under a "permit to work" system which meant that for every job they had to fill in a form saying what they were going to do and obtain authorisation from Octel's engineers, who would consider what safety precautions were needed.

by the Health and Salety Executive as a "major hazard site" and the permit to work was part of a statement of safety procedures which Octel was obliged to draw up and submit to the Executive.

Treating defendant and insurer

as composite unit

plaintiff. Dean John Kelly, for damages for medical negligence to

Mr Nigel Baker, QC and Mr Simon King for the plaintiff, Mr Piers Ashworth and Ms Fiona

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said

that in relation to the question of

evidential prejudice or considering

whether or not there could be a fair

trial the approach of considering the insurers and defendant as a

composite unit had always to be

It was always right in weighing

the prejudice to one side against

prejudice to the other for the judge

to recognise whether or not the

plaintiff had an alternative remedy

against his solicitor and he would

However, if the conclusion had

been that treating the defendant

and insurer as a composite unit the

the defendant was insured.

proceed out of time.

the right approach.

Sinclair for the defendants.

by way of advance rebuttal of a defence that prevention of the practicable", showing that the permit to work system had been operated in a perfunctory manner.

Octel had supplied Mr Cuthbert with protective clothing and a face mask but did not supply a special air lamp, which could have been specified on the standard form, or a closed container for the acesone or forced air extraction for the

At the close of the prosecution case. Mr Walker submitted that there was no case to answer. RGP were independent contractors and the cleaning of the tank was part of the conduct of their undertaking. Control was essential to liability under section 3(I) and Octel had no right to control the way in which its independent contractors did their

Judge Prosser had rejected that submission. He said that Octel's undertaking was the chemical business which it conducted on the site and that included having the ank repaired, whether by contractors or employees.

After that ruling Octel closed its

case without calling evidence. In summing up the judge directed the jury that Octel conducted its undertaking by having the tank repaired by RGP and that Octel had called no evidence that it had not been reasonably practicable to take appropriate precautions. The

Octel's main ground of appeal to the Court of Appeal was that the judge had been wrong to reject its

delay had severely prejudiced their ability to defend, and if the court

would not have allowed that sction

to continue if the defendant had

not been insured, taking into

account at that stage the fact that

his solicitor if he was not allowed

to proceed with his claim, the

weight to be given to the mere fact

that the defendant was insured

That was right, first, because a

claim against a solicitor could not

be equated with a claim under a

policy of insurance for which the

defendant had paid and, second

because insurers were entitled to

expect, in fixing their premiums, that they would not be penalised

by being made to fight claims that

their insured would not have been

held bound to fight simply because

Solicitors: Cooke & Sons, Luton:

ought to be nil.

be a confusion of thought. If the employer engaged an independent contractor to do work which formed part of the conduct of the employer's undertaking he had to stipulate for whatever conditions were needed to avoid risks to le's health and safety and the were reasonably

He could not, having omitted to do so, say that he was not in a position to exercise any control. That was precisely why Octel insisted that its contractors adhere to the permit to work system.

The concept of control as one of the tests for vicarious liability served an altogether different pur-pose. An employer was free to engage either employees or in-dependent contractors.

If he engaged employees, he would be vicariously liable for torts committed in the course of their employment. If he engaged independent contractors he would

The law took the contractual relationship as given and in some cases the control test helped to decide the category to which it belonged. But for the purposes of section 3, the category was not

The question was simply whether the activity in question could be described as part of the

employer's undertaking. Octet's undertaking was running a chemical plant and it was part of the conduct of that undertaking, not merely to clean the factory, but also to "have the factory cleaned"

by contractors: see R v Mara (1967)

I WLR 87, 90-91). The employer had to take asonably practical steps to avoid risk to the contractor's servants which arose from inadequate arrangements made by the emplayer with the contractors as to how they should do the work.

Whether the activity which had the conduct by the employer of his undertaking was in each case a question of fact and should therefore properly be left to the jury. Even if, as his Lordship thought, the only rational answer in this

case was "yes", it should still have been left to the jury. The judge did not do so and the effect of the summing up was to direct the jury to find on that point, for the That was understandable

because the case was conducted on the basis that the sole issue was whether the fact that RGP were independent contractors took the work outside the scope of Octel's

Having correctly ruled that it did not, the judge assumed that the matter was no longer in issue. But in his lordship's view there remained a question of fact which it was strictly speaking for the jury to

The question then was whether their Lordship's house should nevertheless apply the proviso and dismiss the appeal. The question of fact which should have been left to the jury

should have been less to support was simply whether having the tank repaired was part of the tank repaired was part of the taking at Ellesmere Port.

His Lordship could not imagine what evidence could have been called by Octel which would have led a properly instructed jury to return a negative answer.

The tank was part of Octel's plant. The work formed part of a maintenance programme planned by Octel. The men who did the ork, although employed by an independent contractor, were almost permanently integrated into Octel's larger operations. They worked under the permit to work system. Octel provided their safety equipment and lighting. None of those facts was disputed.

In those circumstances, a properly instructed jury would undoubtedly have convicted. The appeal would therefore be dis-

Lord Mackay, Lord Golf, Lord Jauncey and Lord Mustill agreed. Solicitors: Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool; Treasury

# Costs of prosecution include investigation

Ltd (Costs)

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Mckinnon and Mr Justice Johnwa

Reasons October 291

The costs of a presecution could include the costs of the prosecuting authority in carrying out investigations with a view to the prosecution of a defendant who was convicted.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving reasons for dismissing on October 28 the appeal of the Associated Octel Company against an order to pay £142,655.33 to-wards the costs of the prosecution. following pleas of guilty on December 20, 1995 and January 22, failing to ensure the salety at work of employees and conducting an undertaking so as an expose per-sons to risk. On February 2, 1996 Judge Edward fined the company £75,000 on each count and made the order for posts.

Section 18 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 provides: "(I) Where ... (c) any person is convicted of an offence before the crown court: the court may make

Regina v Associated Octel Co by the accused to the prosecutor as it considers just and reasonable. Mr J. L. Hand; QC. for the appellant company; Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Andrew Long for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MCKINNON. giving the reasons of the court, said that the Health and Safety Executive investigated an incident at the appellant's premises where

On February 1, 1994 a serious fire was caused as a result of the escape of ethyl chloride. It was the costs of that investigation which were in dispute.
The appellants submitted that in

ordering the appellants to pay the entire Health and Safety Exec-utive's costs of investigation and preparation in the sum of EIO.359.37, the judge failed properly to exercise his discretion by not considering what costs were justly and reasonably to be paid by the appellant pursuant to section 18 of the 1985 Act.

The prosecution submitted that the position as decided in Neville v Gardner Merchant Ltd ((1983) 5 Cr App R (S) 349) was regarded as settled law by prosecutors, who

vestigations leading to criminal prosecutions in appropriate cases. In Neville a similar provision to section 18(1) was considered, section 2(2) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973.

The appellant submitted that R v Seymour ((1988) 9 Cr App R (S) 395) contained statements inconsistent with Neville. In so far as the) conflicted. Neville was to be preferred; comments on costs in tour were made per incuriam. The sentencing judge had correctly applied the law in accordance with

Their Lordships would observe: 1 The prosecution should serve upon the defence full details of its costs at the earliest time so as to give the defence a proper opportu-nity to consider them and made representations if appropriate, and 2 Once served with a schedule of the prosecution's costs, a defen-dant if he wished to dispute the whole or any part of it, should give proper notice to the prosecution of any objections he proposed to make, or at least make it plain to the court precisely what those

# Tariff sentence for knife offence stands

Regina v Latham Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice

Reasons November 5 Where an offender deliberately went out with a knife, carrying it as a weapon, and used it to cause death, even if there was provocation he should expect to receive on conviction in a contested case a sentence in the region of ten to

twelve years imprisonment. However, where an offender who had a viable defence had entered pleas of guilty, having been properly advised as to the sentence which he was likely to receive in accordance with the tarriff as it then stood, it would be wrong for the Court of Appeal, when reconsidering the sariff, also to increase the sentence.

Lord Justice Kennedy so stated

when giving the reasons of the Court of Appeal, on a reference by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 in respect of a sentence he deciding on October 29 to leave unaltered sentences totalling five years imprisonment imposed on

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Notting Hill

Court by Mr Justice Wright on Daniel George Latham following pleas of guilty to one offence of iter and three of unlaw-

Mr David Calvert-Smith for the Anomey-General; Mr William Clegg, QC, for the offender.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that this was the first time that the Attorney-General had referred a case to the Court of Appeal in order to invite the court to raise the sentencing tariff in relation to a particular type of crime.

It was implicit in section 36(i) of the 1988 Act that the court could only increase a sentence if it considered it to be unduly lenient and if, as was accepted, there was nothing in the statute to prevent the Attorney-General from concluding that a tariff sensence was unduly lenient it seemed to their Lordships that, in the obsence of express words, the Court of Appeal could come to the same conclusion. Accordingly, the court had jurisdiction to review the

it was submitted that Par-

publicised concern about the carrying of known see section 2 of the Offensive Weapons Act 1996. Their Lordships agreed that where there was an offence of manslaughter on the ground of provocation without any relation-ship between the parties and where a knife had been carried for use as a weapon and had ul-timately been used, often at a time when the user was affected by

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of seven years on conviction was In a contested case on conviction a semence in the region of 10 to 12 years should be expected.

drink or drugs, the tariff sentence

However, in the circumstance of this case their Lordships would exercise their discretion by orderwould stand.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Attridge.

Correction

in Proudancy v Barclays Bank pic (The Times November 12) the solicitor for the tenant was Ms Saily Moreshead

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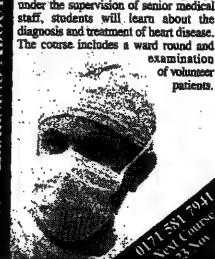
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# Windfall reveals lottery of Lawrence bodies are run how sports bodies are run

England was yesterday belatedly agracencing the availabil-ity of a \$40 million National Lottery package for sports federations, coaches and competitors in preparation for leading events and especially the Olympic Games, the finance structure of British sports administration was

being scriously questioned.

Lord MacLagrin, the man ted to beat some sense inso it; the chairman of Teson and chairman of the new, but as yet dormant, United Kingdom Sports Council, spoke of the situation remaining "thor-oughly unsatisfactory". Pro-fessor Peter Radford, the executive chairman of the British Athletic Federation, while he welcomed the initiative yesterday, stated that the relative positions of the UK body and the old England Sports Council was "upside

"It's good to have all this money going into sport," Lord MacLaurin said yesterday,

BRITISH competitors and

officials yesterday welcomed

the £40 million annual pack-

age of National Lottery money that will help them in

their preparation for Olympic

Games and international

However, the British Ath-

letic Federation (BAF) said

that it would be arguing with the Sports Council that the

lottery money, which has been carmarked for training.

travelling coaching and liv-ing expenses, should not be

Professor Peter Buildard,

the BAF executive chairman.

said that he wanted competi-

tors such as Linford Christie,

Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell to receive funding

although they can make hun-dreds of thousands of pounds

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WHILE the Sports Council of The effect of new funds, David Miller says, is jeopardised by out-dated administration

> by the old Sports Council, which should have been out of operation a year ago. This should have been the work of the UK Conncil."

> The plan by which the UK body, which has yet to have a formal meeting more than a year after its formation, is dependent on the four region-



Lord MacLaurin: frustrated

BAF opposed to means testing

BY JOHN GOODBODY

Government changed the lot-

tery regulations in April to

allow revenue as well as

capital funding.
Radford said that he was

delighted that the money will

£15,000 for 4,500 competitors

over a range of sports. How-

ever, he was concerned that it

would become available only

next March, with six months'

time being lost.

post-Olympic preparation

However, he said: "All

athleses should have the abili-

ty to accept this money. For

some to be given the opportu-

nity and others not would be

divisive in all teams. Conneti-

tors who do not receive the

money will say, quite rightly: Why should I help the nat-ional team? Who is belying

The present scheme will

gest body of sports people in the country. If I was in charge, I'd give the [major] responsi-bility to that body, tell them to get on with it. If they didn't al-bodies (England, Scotland, succeed, they'd be fired." Wales and Ireland) for its What the leader of one of funding, might have been devised by the cartoonist, Emmett. Lord MacLaurin ad-

mits that he is exasperated by

the bureaucracy and the de-

ment work in this way before."

very different from my every-

day existence. We were to have

operated from January this

year, and now I suppose it will

"If you were looking at the

structure of British sport as a

business, you would have a

holdings board and executive

directors. It would have been

best if we'd sat down before

the present structure was for-

mulated. The UK council has

representatives of the four

regional bodies, plus the British Olympic Association

Sports Council has an accoun-

However, the council.

hich is empowered by the

Government to distribute lot-

tery money, will be loathe to

be seen giving money to high

profile competitors rather

than people such as Janine

Whitlock, the British record-

holder for the women's pole

vault. Last season, her family

in Liverpool spent £6,500 in

supporting her athletic ambi-

tion. Her dole money goes

largely towards paying the petrol to travel to her coach in

Stoke. She said: "It will mean

that I can do warm-weather

training and prepare better

tres swimming sliver medal-winner at the Olympics

Games in Atlanta, warned

that it might take eight to 12

years before the effect was felt in British sport.

Paul Palmer, the 400 me-

for my event."

tant's viewpoint."

be January next year.

Great Britain's most successful chain stores does not appreciate is the extent to which the regional councils are not in the business of lays in getting the new policy-determining body into action. improving British sport, but in castle-building on public money and protecting sine-"I've not been in governhe said. "It's frustrating and

"I can fully understand the frustration of sports people," Lord MacLaurin said before the funding announcement yesterday, which is in effect a wast blanket-bath in which there will be enormous waste through indiscriminate awards. Lord MacLaurin is conscious that the UK council will lack the budget-power to make things work in those areas which it considers require priority.

He is optimistic that a meeting this week with lan Sproat, the Minister for Sport, and the four regional councils may perhaps accelerate the action. The problem with the announcement yesterday is that the allocation of funds will not become operative until next year, too late to make much impact upon the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000; certainly too late for athletes struggling to make ends meet in their preparation for the world indoor championships in March.

Radford, who attended the cash launch yesterday, was pleased with the adjustment of lottery policy, permitting funding for preparation as well as structural facilities, but insisted: "We've got to get the system right. We are still talking parochially, and it is going to hurt us. We need to plan and think on a UK basis. The UK council should lead."
Sir Rodney Walker, the

chairman of what was yester-day still calling itself the Sports Council, claimed that 4,500 competitors would benefit from the funding, though he admitted: "It's not a quick fix but long term." The first cheques will not be sent out until next February.



Faldo putts on the 4th green during an opening burst that took him four shots clear

# Lehman halts Faldo charge

By Our Sports Staff Faido appeared to have

Catriona Matthew, of Scot-

land, had a career-best

round of eight under par to

take a one-stroke lead on the

opening day of the Austra-lian Ladies Masters. Her 65

was only one off the course

record, held by Laura Davies, of England, who kept in touch yesterday with a 67.

While the rain that wiped

out the scheduled opening

round on Tuesday stayed

away, the course remained

wet and soggy and the players

were allowed to lift, clean and

place their balls on the

fairway. "If it's a decent day

tomorrow, I think you're going to see a lot of birdles and

a lot of low scores." Lehman

said. "I played well and putted

was still punished for his (in

my view) unacceptable be-

In events where there are no

official timekeepers, there are

no specific sanctions. Players

who are learning should be

allowed to be slow, but, in a

game where all the players are

experienced, there is some sort

of social pressure to get on

with it. I play most of my rubber bridge at TGR's. For new readers, "TGR" is short for The Great Rose, after

Irving Rose, its original man-

ager. Sadly, he died a few

months ago. The club monto is

le patron joue ici - Howard

Cohen, the proprietor, is ever-

trances are tolerated (by

"long", I mean five minutes).

but, as soon as someone takes

At the club, occasional long

present in the high game.

morning."

TOM LEHMAN, the Open champion, overhauled a fourshot deficit to take a one-stroke lead over Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, and Steve Jones, the US Open champion, in the rain-delayed PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii yesterday. The winners of golf's four majors this year completed a round-and-a-half of the scheduled 36-hole tournament at the Poipu Bay Resort course, leaving nine holes to be played

Faldo, of Great Britain, had completed the first 18 holes one stroke ahead of Lehman, who then birdied four of the next six holes en route to a 32, four under par. Lehman finished the day on 100, eight under

Faldo, who celebrated his third win at Augusta this year. completed the last nine holes in 34 for a 101. Jones produced the best nine-hole stretch of the day, including six birdies. for a 31, five under par, that put him level with Faldo. The fourth member of the elite group, Mark Brooks, the US PGA champion, was on 109 for the 27 holes.

well today. I like my chances

matters well in hand through Lee Westwood, of Britain, the first 12 holes, at which stage he was six under par and yesterday shot a 67, four under per, to finish the first day of four strokes ahead of Lehman Dunlop Phoenix tournament and Jones. Lehman said: "I think Nick gave us a little in Miyazaki, Japan, one shot off the lead, which was held by break after running away with it after 12 holes in the Tom Watson, Joe Ozaki, of Japan, shared second place, one shot ahead of his brother, Jumbo.

Westwood's performance, which was in keeping with a surge of form that took him to sixth place on the European Tour money-list this year, carned a glowing recommendation from Watson, 47, "Lee's a good player and I like his action." he said. "He's a good putter and he's 23 years old. I'd trade places with him."

Westwood's only blemish came on the par-five 18th. when a blatant attempt to match Jumbo Ozaki's power off the tee resulted in his ball landing 30 yards off line. Although he salvaged par while Watson earned the birdie that edged him in front — Westwood was left to rue his rush of blood. "The recklessness of youth, I suppose," he

GOLF Clayton's fall comes before his pride By SIMON WILDE

TT IS rare, outside the closing stages of a major championship, for professional golfers to crowd round a television to watch one of their colleagues at work, but they crammed into the commentary box in Sydney yesterday to watch Mike Clayton play the 14th green in the Australian PGA Championship — again, and again, and again. The box became their 19th hole and

they drank tears of laughter. Clayton, a veteran of 15 seasons on the European Tour, unwittingly produced one of the most bizarre incidents seen in a professional tournament. He struck a tenfoot putt and was urging it towards the hole with an elaborate gesture when the putter slipped from his hand.

The ball stopped two inches from the hole but the putter tumbled towards it. Clayton did the only thing he could and dived after it, but he succeeded only in knocking the club into the ball. To compound his embarrassment, Clayton, prostrate on the ground with arms outstretched beside the hole, saw the ball roll into his elbow.

The incident left Trevor Herden, the tour operations manager, with a difficult decision. In the end, he correctly applied rule 18.2 (2), "Ball at rest moved", which states that, if a competitor's ball is accidentally struck by himself, his partner, their caddies or equipment he shall incur a one-stroke penalty. However, had the ball been in motion when it was struck by the putter, Clayton would have incurred a two-stroke penalty.

The incident may have amused the players, but it raised few smiles among those who guard the game's rules. "A golfer is deemed to be responsible for his equipment at all times." Paul Jelly, of the English Golf Union,

"If the equipment interferes with the bail, he incurs a penalty, even in the unusual situation of the equipment being detached from its owner at time. Had a player, say, dropped his towel on the green, and then seen it blown by the wind into the ball and moved it, the same rule would

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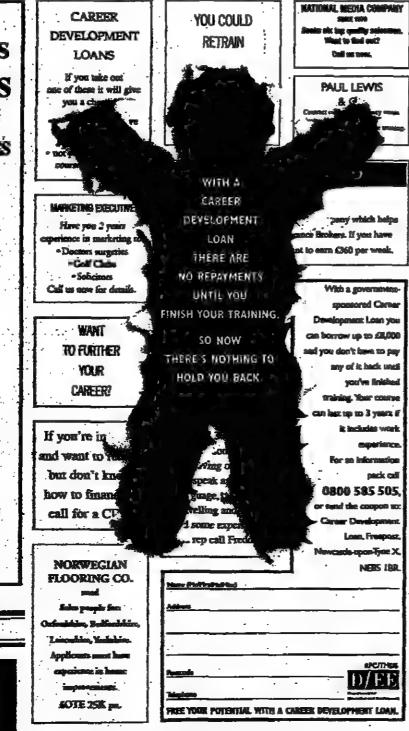
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#### final three years ago. A Scot-BY ROBERT SHEEHAN tish player took 25 minutes to make a bid. Although his table BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT In an article a few weeks ago, i finished within the time limit, the tournament director appremarked that my opponent lied some rule that I had never heard of to penalise him. So he

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

haviour.

had taken "a mere ten minutes" to play a hand, having. on a previous hand, taken 14 minutes to play the first card from dummy. I admit expressing myself rather sourly — the ten-minute episode followed a poor bid by me. After you make a mistake, it is always more painful if your opponent takes a long time to punish you. My correspondent, J. C. Morris, of East Sussex, remarks that he would be embarrassed to take anything longer than a minute, and asks about the accepted standards.

In international and leading national events (the Camrose trials, the Premier League and the last rounds of the Gold Cup), a table is required to complete a set of hands within a specified time, usually 2hr 10min for 16 boards. If the table takes longer than that, and it can be decided that one of the pairs was responsible. that pair suffers various penalties. For example, they may be fined a victory point or, in extreme cases, may be barred from playing together for the

rest of the tournament. One of the problems is in demonstrating which pair is slow. Sometimes, an official watches the table, but usually the pairs have to share the blame and both are penalised. Chess clocks would not work imagine punching the clock 52 times for the play and, say, another ten times for the bidding, on each hand.

The longest trance I ever saw was in a Gold Cup semi-

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

Biblicals GEDALIAH

a. A wife of David b. A Quisling C. A lapsed convert SHECHEM

a. A princely rapist

b. A Philistine priest c. A Rabbinical code

 A prophetess b. Wife of Tobit c. Mother of Mary SHEBA a. Wife of Saul b. A wronged wife c. Rebel who lost his head

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longer than that, the barracking starts. "Play it while you're young" is my favourite encouragement to one frequent offender, accompanied by "after a long illness, bravely borne," when he finally does

something. Of course, these

strictures on slow play apply

more to winning players than to the losers. The ultimate sanction is to refuse to play with extremely slow players. That does not mean that they cannot get a game - they just have to round up three fellow offenders.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

Answers on page 45

# EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Marks of approval

Today, I continue my summary of simplified modern chess notation with an explanation of some symbols that readers may find in chess comments. which express the writer's approval or disapproval of certain moves. It is helpful to know what these symbols signify.

A good move is often shown by an exclamation mark (!) after the move, while a truly outstanding blockbuster of a move would be adorned by a double exclamation mark (!!). A mistake would be given a question mark (?), while a blunder of horrendous dimensions would be given a double question mark (??).

More subjective symbols are sometimes used: !? means risky or interesting, while ?! is a somewhat greyer area that usually signifies a move on the borderline between interest-ing and dubious.

in the following game, Alekhine, himself, gave his eighth, eleventh, fourteenth, fifteenth and 26th moves exdamation marks, while he gave Black's ninth move ?!. The game is generally considered to be one of Alekhine's

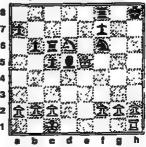
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Diagram of final position



As the year draws to a close. I shall be ongoingly celebrating the achievements of Alexander Alekhine, a world champion and ractical genius, who died 50 years ago.

Alekhine first won the world championship from the alleg-edly invincible Capablanca in 1927. Alekhine lost the title to Dr Max Euwe, of Holland. in 1935, but regained it in the revenge match of 1957; when he died in 1946, he was still world champion.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

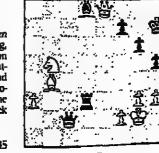
### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from

the game Spechman — Peng. Erevan Olympiad, 1996. Jon Speelman has a justified reputation as a highly inventive and tactical player. However, his opponent outdid him in the tactic in the position today. How did Black force a brilliant mate?

Solution on page 45



# New man sure to make most of opportunity

Simon Wilde meets Chris Silverwood, the Yorkshire seam bowler, as he prepares for the trip to Zimbabwe

7 hen a new face comes onto the international stage, it is easy to imagine its owner as fresh to the world and forget the hours of solitary practice, the setbacks and the penury that led him or her from darkness into light.

So it is with Chris Silverwood, the only uncapped member of the England cricket team that leaves for Zimbabwe later this month. Of course, we think, it is all happening to him for the first time: he is only 21, looks 18 and is going on tour just for the experience. In fact, Silverwood has experienced

quite a los already, having been on the uncertain road to the top for ten years now. Cricketing life began for him with bumpy Friday night rides in a minibus from Garforth comprehensive, his school in Leeds, to net sessions in Pontefract, an enthusiastic teacher being convinced that he deserved encouragement. The weekly journeys continued throughout four winters.

At Pontefract, Silverwood came under the eye of John Pearson, then working as a cricket coach for Leeds leisure services and now a regional development officer with Yorkshire. What I first noticed about Chris was that he was far bigger than the other boys of his age, so I immediately put him into a net with some older ones," Pearson said.

"The next thing that struck me was his absolute will to succeed. When he accomplished one thing, all he wanted to know was: "What do I do next?" "

Pearson was responsible for Silverwood moving clubs from his native Kippax to Castleford, who played in the Yorkshire League; and, for a 15 year-old up against men, he acquitted

Silverwood left school at 16 and went to Headingley on a Youth Training Scheme, but, for some reason, was not given a trial with the Yorkshire Schools team. However, he was also attending the Yorkshire Academy, in Bradford,

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ed Duncan Fletcher, the South

African, as their coach for next

summer. Fletcher will take up

the post at the end of the South

African season and will be

with Glamorgan until Sep-

tember 16, when he will re-

sume his present position

"i have agreed a one-year contract with a provisional

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his spirits up. "I'm not the only one to have helped him, but he usually came back to me when things were not going so well," Pearson said

Within two years, Silverwood was making his Yorkshire debut, but there were to be further setbacks. When the 1996 season began, he was still not an established member of the side and was stung to be omitted from York-

shire's opening championship match.

His response was typical. "One thing about this," he told friends at the time. "once I do get in, they won't get me out again." He was right; he soon took five wickers in a nearly standard from wickets in a one-day match and, from there, there was no looking back. He finished the summer with 47 wickets at 30.68 each and outbowled all his fellow seamers, including Darren Gough, who stands shead of him in the England pecking order.

Silverwood readily acknowledges his debt to Pearson, but he also received unstituting support from his mother. His parents separated when he was four, since when he has seen little of his father, but his mother has turned her hand to countless jobs to help her son to fulfil his potential. When Pearson gave him lifts home after nets. Silverwood invariably asked to be dropped off at the chip shop in Kippax. where she worked in the evenings

Thile he has attracted head-lines for the unusual aspects V to his life — being a black belt at karate and a teetotalier, for instance - it is the way that Silverwood embraced the years of mundane learning, and took the most out of them, that is impressive. He has worked hard on iitness Town over the past three winters and at home recently, and now has greater

stamina and an extra zip to his bowling. Silverwood attributes his advance this year to all the work that went before, "I think I have matured," he said during England's training camp

team on their tour of

England in July and August

when they defeated Glamor-

Warwickshire are investi-

gating reports that Alian Don-

ald could miss the start of next

season because South Africa's

domestic knock-out cup com-

petition continues to the end of

April. This could lead to a tug

of war between Free State.

Donald's province, and his

English county, who say that

he is contracted to be at

Dennis Amiss, the War-wickshire chief executive,

said: "We have spoken to his

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Matthew Hart, the all-

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a 26-man New Zealand train-

ing squad named in August.

but he has been called up

because of a hand injury to

Mark Haslam, the left-arm bowler. Hart will leave for

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cope with situations and know now when to bowl line and length." In days past, he was inclined to spray the ball around, but he rejects the notion that he is a willing foil for more explosive fast bowlers operating at the other end - "I see myself as just as dangerous as Dominic Cork or Darren Gough."

ly ii they are to

confident Pakistan in the

final of the Singer Champions'

ed the New Zealanders - who are flying straight to Pakistan

afterwards for a Test and a

one-day series - an ideal

warm-up to build a strong

combination for the tough

battles ahead. Steve Rixon,

the New Zealand coach, said.

can left-arm wrist spin bowler, took four wickets for 68 on his

return for Western Province

after a three-month injury lay-

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land at Newlands yesterday.

Paul Adams, the South Afri-

The tournament has provid-

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far from over. Limited though his opportunities may be this winter, he knows he can only benefit. "He is a thinking bowler," Pearson said. "He has worked out how to get his wickets in the past and I'm sure he will do that for England. No doubt on tour he will listen to advice, but he will sort out for himself what works and what doesn't."

SWIMMING

# **Snelling to** get food for thought

By CRAIG LORD

SIX weeks into his job as Great Britain's first national performance director. Deryk Spelling is about to be baptised into a domestic competition scene that he bopes will provide the pillars to prop up his theory for making champions.

The theory is simple take a dozen or so internationals, nurture their talent and provide them with scientific backup and the lifestyle grants needed for full-time "professional" athletes, then watch them float into the top ten in the world. The juniors will aspire to the new standard and rise accordingly.

For the next three days, the St Margaret's Baths, Leicester, plays host to the first of four qualifying rounds of the Speedo British grand prix, the final of which will be held in Sheffield next May.

One of the leading swim mers on view will be Adam Ruckwood, the Commonwealth champion at 200 metres backstroke. Ruckwood went to the Olympic Games as an outside medal hope, but failed to make the final.

After Atlanta, he took two-month break before discussing with Mike Hepworth, his new coach, what had gone wrong. Ruckwood believed that his programme had changed in the year before Atlanta, when Tim Jones had been coaching him. The aim now is to return to some of the work that helped him in 1995 and before. He is hoping for a sub two-minute swim this weekend when his rivals will include Neil Willey and Adri-

an O'Connor. Whereas Ruckwood will have plenty of competition. many of the best will not an issue that will give Snelling food for thought. For mstance, the only real challenge in Britain to Susan Rolph at sprint freestyle is Karen Pickering, who prefers to race in district events until the national championships. Such decisions mean that the grand prix fails to provide the tough racing that it was designed to

produce. Olympic competitors such as James Hickman, Mark Foster and Paul Palmer will be absent this weekend. All three prefer to train away from the limelight and, when they race in December, they will not have been race-tested for five months.

SPORTS LETTERS

# Rugby must seize opportunity

From Mr S. E. Turner

Sir, By the time this rugby union season is completed, it appears that the northern hemisphere countries will have wasted almost two complete seasons in the aftermath of the 1995 World Cup. During that time, the much vaunted Super 12 series, a logical progression from the Ranfurly Shield and Currie Cups, has been launched in the southern hemisphere. In direct contrast. all that has been achieved on the other side of the equator has been a shambolic and insular approach to the onset of professional rugby.

There is one basic truism which the administrators and senior clubs in England seem to have forgotten, namely that international rugby is the international rughy is the lifeblood of the game. The trend towards establishing super clubs ignores the fact that the newly established English game is developing and honing the skills of the various foreign imports in the teams, to the detriment of the detriment of the detriment to the detriment of the services. many young English players (if there is any doubt, just look at English cricket). Therefore, the desire of the clubs to play matches against touring teams is not driven by altruistic desires to improve playing standards for the national team, but is merely a commer-

cial necessity. The finest example of cur-rent rugby organisation from limited resources is undoubtedly Australia, where the game is primarily played in Queensland and New South Wales, who are also the major rugby league states. They have a strong club system, but have consistently given total support to the provincial and state concept. The other major advantage in provincial rugby is the ability of national selectors to monitor and influence the playing standards of their own players; it is adomatic that this has reaped its own rewards in the performance of southern hemisphere countries and provinces in all competitions.

It is quite possible for the northern hemisphere countries to have a similar, indeed better, system; however, to achieve that it is essential to have a pan-European approach. To this end, all five major northern hemisphere countries must have a coherent and compatible season. A ten-club first division, a new European divisional competition, a reduced European club nationals could be scheduled into a 35-week season with eight midweek games.

However, unless the administrators and clubs produce a coherent package that will enable all European clubs, countries and international teams to release players across the board at specific times of the season, we should all prepare ourselves for a long wait before a northern hemisphere team ever lifts the Webb Ellis trophy.

Yours etc S.E. TURNER. Glenrose, Gordon Road, Curdridge, Hampshire.

From Mr R. B. Callaghan Sir. The present dispute between English clubs and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) is not the first time that the RFU finds itself challenged. The first time was 100 years ago with its disagreement with the Northern Union which eventually spawned the Rugby League

The RFU's intrasigence split the union then through trying to stop the players being recompensed for loss of a day's earnings. Now, it is trying to control players whose earnings will be £25,000-50,000 and within ten years the top players will be in the £1 million per year

Sir John Hali is portrayed as the villian in the pack, but he is a man of vision, as is Rupert Murdoch, one of the major backers of sport worldwide. All they are trying to do is pay the players as every other sport in the world does. This is something the RFU has steadfastly refused to allow. The RFU created rugby league through its authorit-arian attitude and rugby league, with its superb ath-

letes, eventually forced the union code to turn profess-The RFU says it is con-cerned about the amount of money that will be available for the smaller clubs. The thousands of pounds it is paying Sir Tim Bell to defend the stance it has taken would

have been very helpful so the smaller chibs. Events are moving too. quickly for the amateurs of Twickenham and it is time for them to stand aside and let the men of vision take the sport into the 21st century - or will they desperately try to cling to power for another 100 years? Yours sincerely. R. B. CALLAGHAN,

Instow, Devon.

is for all the country?

Over the past years, the

majority of trophies have gone

to northern clubs; the Premier-

ship has been won only by

northern clubs. Look, too, at

the attendances at Old Trafford, Anfield, St James' Park and Goodison Park,

which show how many foot-

ball followers there are in the

North. Show me four London.

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I have not mentioned Aston.

Villa, Nottingham Forest or Leeds United. All would find a

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Yours sincerely,

D. LYNCH.

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are apparently going to build Capital expenses the new national stadium at Wembley. How can they say it From Mr J. D. Lynch

Sir, I recently applied to Wembley for tickets to the England World Cup qualifying matches. To get tickets for the England v Italy match. you must also purchase tickets for England v Georgia and England v Moldova.

Being from the North, be-sides the cost of the tickets for myself and my son, I will incur the following costs: two days off work for each match. two days off school for my son (travel down Wednesday and get home at 4-5am on Thursday or stay in a motel overnight and travel back the next day), plus the cost of three return journeys to the capital. It is different if you live in London: no days off work as they are evening games, a trip on the Tube, no days off

school, no travel expenses. in their wisdom, the gentlemen of the FA and the Lottery

Recorded catch

From Mr Lynn Hughes Sir, I must correct Brian Clarke on a detail in his article

on record catches (November 4). Some years ago, I was invited to read, in her own schoolgirl hand. Georgina Ballantine's first-hand account (in the library at Glendelvine House) of her marathon struggle with that 641b British record salmon and the story is somewhat different.

It had, by any standards, already been a remarkable day's fishing when Georgina took a lift from the Tay bridge with her father on the boat in which the laind, Alan Lyle, had taken three portmanteau salmon, the largest in excess of

She at first received a tellingoff from her father, head keeper on the estate, for getting the troll snagged up until it began, most assuredly, to move upstream.

The flesh of that remarkable fish was given to the local hospital, but its skin cast is mounted on the wall of the

billiard room, where it ruins the game of every true "disciple of the angle". Yours faithfully, LYNN HUGHES. Dan-y-Bont, Drefach.

# From Mr R. T. Drane

Sir. Viewing recent events from a completely detached position, I cannot help contrasting in my mind the treatment of problem players in our two leading sports, football and cricket.

Cricket takes

harsh stance

Leaving aside the manner in which problems come to light (voluntary disclosure, media probing, routine testing, etc.) what appears to happen in football is that club and governing body rally to support of the player by continuing to pay him handsomely, offering counselling, advice, loyalty and even rehabilitation into the national team.

Contrast this with the case of Ed Giddins, the former Sussex cricketer. I have admired him as an excellent cricketer with a seemingly ideal sporting temperament.
Not having made the breakthrough into representative
cricket — although, in my
view, close to doing so — he was modestly renumerated compared with footballers. He was by no means addicted to drugs, but an isolated lapse that had no effect on his sporting performance has re-suited in the cancellation of his playing contract with Sussex and a ban from first-class cricket until 1998.

A promising career has thus been damaged and a likeable person deprived of his living. Why is there no place for loyalty, forgiveness and rehabilitation in cricket? Yours sincerely. R. T. DRANE, 92 Maripit Lane,



#### Motto at half cock From Professor Emeritus

Herbert H. Huxley

Coulsdon, Surrey

Sir, Lynne Truss's "Latin lesson (November 8) prompts one who has written both on Latin and on heraldic motto-s

to respond. it would require great efforts to devise a more feeble motto ian Augere est lacere. 1. The meaning is about as gripping as "to torture is to

2. A heavy verb (audēre) is balanced by a light one (facere).

3. The infinitive endings (-ere). though identical in spelling,

sound quite differently. I suggest that Tottenham Hotspur make their motto as good as their football at its best. Why not go for the simple Audendo (By daring); one would supply the thought "victory is achieved". If three words is not too verbose, one could adopt Virgil's half-line "Audentes fortuna iuvai" (For-

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tune aids those who dare). Yours sincerely, H. H. HUXLEY, 12 Derwent Close, Cambridge.

# Suicidal tactics

From Mr Peter Harden

Sir, As Gavin Stewart hints in his article on the 1987 Boat Race (Features, November 12), journalism ensured that the fictionalisation of the events surrounding the race had begun well before the crews left the start.

As for the result, he (perhaps understandably, as stroke of the winning crewl glosses over the effects of the extraordinary weather condi-tions on the day. Oxford won, not through tremendous courage and oarsmanship, but by (rightly) employing tactics which, on any other day, would have been race suicide: heading for the calm water at

the side of the river. Had Cambridge joined them 30 seconds earlier, they would not have been so water logged that no amount of pulling could retrieve their position. Yours faithfully,

PETER HARDEN. (Cambridge University Boat Club secretary, 1986-87),

29 Villiers Street, WC2

# Giant of football

From Mr Edward Grayson Sir. Danny Blanchflower's

unique thinking and leader-ship, recalled so vividly by David Miller (November 12), were not confined to playing

At a time when players wages were capped and pro-fessional football was regarded as socially and collectively inferior to rugby union, he brought an original dignity, style, wit and respect off the field alongside his skilful playing talents.

John Freeman's Face to Face television series saw him give a performance that bore comparison with the great

advocate and judge, Lord Birkett When the BBC attempted to intrude upon his privacy in This is Your Life, he walked off stage sensationally. When he exposed football's growing problems in a regular newspaper column, Arsenai banned him from the press box. He inspired all generations with his leadership at all levels. We shall never see his like again

Llanelli, Carmarthenshire,

Yours faithfully, EDWARD GRAYSON. 9-12 Bell Yard, WC2.

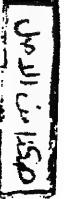
> Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number.

### Langley's law

From Mr Chris Langley Sir, The universal astonishment at the outcome of the world heavyweight boxing championship bout last weekend has led me to formulate the following law:

... When all the experts are agreed about the likely outcome of a forthcoming event. it would be unwise for the nonexpert to fail to rush down to his bookmaker and put his life savings on the opposite result.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS LANGLEY, 54 Goldcroft, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.



IE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15 1996 RACING: IRISHTRAINER AIMS FOR REPEAT SUCCESS IN CHELTENHAM SHOWPIECE

# J'Brien retraces familiar highway

By JULIAN MUSCAT:

MICHAEL O'BRIEN died Anabatic for the voyfrom Co Kildare to Chelham two days ago, his nd would almost certainly ve embarked on a journey its own. Exactly 16 years rlier, the trainer sent his amising chaser, Bright ghway, on the same trek -d the gelding returned was only six." me an emphatic winner of

e Mackeson Gold Cup. The future harboured hopes in promise. O'Brien was e reigning champion jumps ainer in Ireland, while right Highway was the ream incarnate with the orid at his feet. Three weeks tter, an authoritative victory the Hennessy Gold Cup aw Bright Highway installed clear favourite for the Blue ¿iband at Cheltenham.

He never made it; the horse vas out schooling when a endon slipped clean off his nock. It was a shocking acci-

dent, yet no man could have overtures within Michael's for the Carolina Cup," Leo Curragh and set about found-better comprehended the trav-conversation. We must be recollected, "when Michael ing a stable. "It was preny esty than O'Brien himself. He has been confined to a wheelchair ever since a debilirating fall in South Carolina in 1974. The thing with Bright Highway was a cruel disappointment for us," O'Brien, 53, recalled earlier this week. "He was already the best horse around at the time - and he

Before his accident, Michael O'Brien was, the best jump jockey in the United States and he was only 30. "He was the most competitive man in the saddle," said his brother, Lee, a weighing room contem-porary of Michael's and now operating successfully as a trainer based in New York. "I was riding for a bigger outfit with better horses, but he bear me to the championship on determination alone. He would have been champion 15 years in a row if he hadn't had

It is hard to detect such

training, much in evidence, has allowed him to drive out the demons. There is no trace of hitterness - much less regret - about the loss of a physically active life. If he is

thankful for that; his love of

Name RANDOM HARVEST (3.15 Ayr) Next best: Southampton (2.25 Cheltenham)

disinclined to dwell on the past, it is because the horses that harmed him have now helped him heal. Nevertheless, Leo's account

of that fateful afternoon in 1974 is hypnotic - not just for its clarity of expression, but for the unbreakable bond between the two brothers. "We were both hacking to the start

asked me to have a look at his . horse. He said it didn't feel right. Well, the horse jogged fine and looked perfectly sound, but Michael was unusually anxious. "So we were riding together near the third fence, both of us

towards the rear, and I kept looking across at Michael's horse. Of course, I had to look at the fence as we approached it and the next thing there was this merciless crash. The horse had had a heart attack. I looked over at Michael and hewas in the air, coming down. He landed on the point of his neck and I heard it snap like a mallet. Then another horse jumped the fence and landed with one of his feet on Michaci's chest. He had no chance at all."

It was two years before Michael could adopt a positive outlook. The brothers returned home to purchase a plot of land on the edge of the

rough when we started," Leo said. "We built the place from scratch and expanded it to 48 boxes, and in our fourth year Michael was champion trainer in Ireland. Michael has an eye; he bought Bright Highway out of a field for small money. By then he would say that the only thing he couldn't do was walk."

O'Brien has since landed two Irish Nationals and a Triumph Hurdle in a career notable for the realism with which he campaigns his horses. That alone highlights Anabatic's chance in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham tomorrow, although O'Brien won't be on hand to saddle the horse.

Anabatic, by Strong Gale, is named for the meteorological term describing the upward flow of air. Doubtless, O'Brien's soul will soar in the same direction if the eight-year-old



O'Brien braves the elements to supervise Anabatic's preparation for Cheitenham

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3.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS HOVICES CHASE (26,840: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

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3.15 JOAN MACKAY HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,617: 2m 47) (10) 9-4 Bandom Harmet, 4-1 Blue Clarm, 5-1 Amages Johanny 6-1 Shaw Your Hamil, 8-1 Rose do Valles, Disseard Sprile, 12-1 offices,

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THUNDERER 12.05 Lennox Lewis, 12.95 Friendly Brave, 1.05 Cheeky Chappy, 1.40 Battle Ground, 2.15 Standown, 2.50 DOUBLE ESPRESSO (nap), 3.25 Levender Della, 3.55 Hoofprints,

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 BROUGHTONS ERROR (nap). DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST GOING: STANDARD

12,05 SHOWFORCE CLAIMING STAKES (Div i: £2,298: 71) (12 runners) I-1 Step Jig. 4-1 Lemmas Leans, Bold Street, 8-1 Dancing Lawyer, 16-1 others

12.35 CONFERENCE STABING HANDICAP (Div 1: £2,548: 5f) (10) 1. 0011 RAMSEY HOPE & (V.CO.F.6) C Fashurst 3-10-2 (70)

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.05 conference staging Handicap (Div II: £2,548: 51) (10) 17-4 Mister Raxier, 4-1 Featherstone Lane, 9-2 Country Compay, 10-1 priers.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANSPS. G Lends, 18 warmers from 78 runners, 23.1%; Lond Handragdon, 41 from 184, 22.3%; G Bassery, G from 23, 23.7%, J Berry, 20 from 93, 23.4%; J Eyrt, 9 from 48, 16.8%; JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 8 winners from 30 rates, 26.7%, R Lappon, 6 from 53, 17.4%, D McResson, 20 from 121, 16.5%; S Winnersch, 25 from 158, 15.6%; D Holband, 12 from 52, 14.6%, A Cultome, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

MYSTHEEDILETINGS

1.40 CUTTING EDGE SELLING STAKES

9-4 Stightly Other, 3-1 Weignwile Boy, 4-1 Rebule, 9-2 Bellie Ground, 7-1 Balletin Partis, 12-1 Sartisfu Twinkle, 14-1 Others.

2.15 SHOWFORCE CLAIMING STAKES (DIV R: \$2.286: 71) (12) 3-1 Standown, 9-2 Xenophon Of Cureso, 5-1 Deeply Yalis, 6-1 Sharp in Smart, 6-1 Barossa Valley, Jone King, 10-1 Agea, 12-1 others.

2.50 MALAYA GATWICK NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,941: 1m) (9)

5-2 Broughtons Error, 100-30 Kates Kache, 5-1 Davis Rock, 13-2 Double Expresso, 8-1 Motomiki Chub, 10-1 Chenal Roc. 12-1 mbers.

3.25 SOUTHRIVER TOOLS & FIXINGS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,517: 1m 2f) (9) 11-10 Larender Della, 3-1 Persuasion, 7-1 Keen Companion, 8-1 Stretching, 12-1 Mad Alex, Outst Dyane, 16-1 others.

3.55 SCENA HANDICAP (£2,846: 1m 41) (8)

4 Hootpries, 109-30 Statled, 4-1 Flow Back, 7-1 Rock The Barney, 8-1 Tonyor, 5-1 Oor Main Moe, 20-7 others.

# Visor can work the oracle again for Southampton

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

2.25: With Southampton visored once again, he must go close. On the five occasions during the past three years when Toby Balding's runner has worn headgear after races without them he has won. That remarkable record can continue here, especially as he looks well weighted after his encouraging seasonal reap-pearance behind Callisoe Bay

at Stratford 15 days ago. Tony McCoy, who has been on board for the six-year-old's last six victories, has ridden Lord Dorcet and Captain Khedive but is sticking with Balding's chaser. Lord Dorcet was a useful recruit to the chasing ranks last term and is open to more improvement than Captain Khedive (needs a fast-run race) and Konvekta

3.00: The Irish can enjoy an early taste of Cheltenham form Just Little, Aidan O'Brien's runner was third in the Galway Hurdle in August and, more recently, finished a good second in a grade two race at Listowel before winning easily at Leopardstown.

Danjing has sound form credentials but, having run out at Newbury on Wednesday, he clearly has his own ideas about racing. If blinkers galvanise him into action, Martin Pipe's runner is a big

3.35: Factor Ten has proved a revelation since being treated

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

for a copper deficiency and the Henrietta Knight-trained chaser won with any amount in hand at Bangor last month. On the same card, The Last Fling justified odds-on favouritism when making his debut over fences. The form of that race has worked out well and Sue Smith's chaser followed up impressively at Wetherby two weeks ago. A useful hurdler last term, he could make up into an even hetter chaser and can oblige

claims on last season's form but has run badly on both outings this term. With Staunch Rival out of form and World Express best when the mud is flying, Ramsdens is the choice by default.

The course and distance winner, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, ran unaccountably badly when sent off favourite at Bangor two weeks ago, but holds a good chance judged on an earlier effort at Chepstow and when winning here in April.

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# 1.30 EALLOWRY HELS MAKER HURDLE (Div 9 £1.982: 2m) (10) 9-4 Gell Lang, 5-7 Clare Mart, 4-7 Jacob Gerand, 7-7 Jedicher Morren, 19-4 Molling, 17-1 Fenom Coult, 16-4 Shorts.

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1.40 (1m) 1. Hayes Way (S Sanders. 10-1); 2. Premier (6-4 lav), 3. Lochlass (16-1), 9 ran. 294, 294 T Mills. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £1.10, £6.70 DF £11.10 Trio £123.70. CSF; £23.74 2.10 (Im 4f) 1, Steamroller Stanly (G Carter, 14-1); 2, Potar Champ (6-1), 3, More Than You Know (20-1) Opera Buff Evens lav. 9 ran 3%1, 284, C Cyzer, Tota. 524,70, 05.00, £3.60, £3.00 DF: £59.60. Tno: £196.20, CSF: £109.36.

2.40 (6) 1, Just Loui (T Sprake, 7-2 §-fer). 2. Slant Vallay (16-1): 3. Masterstroke (1-1). Lest Chance 7-2 §-fav 9 ran. 5. 2%, W G M Turner, Toter C3.60; £1.50. £2.40, £2.30 DF £23.90. Trio: \$103.50. CSF £45.19. 3.10 (6) 1, Machina (P Fessoy, 5-2 lav), 2, School Boy (5-1), 3, Rewi (5-1) 13 ran, 5, 4 J Berry, Tote 13.40, \$1.50, \$1.50, \$3.60, DF, £9.10 Trio: £15.90, CSF £15.57.

3.40 (Im 2l) 1, Arzani (R Mullen, 6-5 tav; Thunderer's nap and Newmerket Corresponderd's nap); 2, Paronomasia (50-1), 3, Allayza (5-1) 8 ran 1 tol, 71 D Cosgrove, Totro 11.80; 51 DO, 512 50. 21 40 DF: \$15.00 CSF \$28.74 Tricast \$208.59. Placepor: \$210.50 Quadoot: \$68 60.

# Deal ends threat of strike by players

was finally laid to rest yesterday when the Football League agreed to make an annual payment of £1.35 million, for ve years, to the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). The money will come from the League's £125 million television agreement with BSkyB. which started this season.

The new package was voted through after a 30-minute discussion at a meeting of chairmen and representatives, from all 72 Nationwide League clubs in London. It was immediately welcomed by the PFA, which had balloted its members and received a unanimous mandate to carry out industrial action.

Brendan Batson, the deputy chief executive of the PFA, said: "Obviously, we're delighted this has been settled at last. We're disappointed it had to go this far, I don't think anyone really wanted it to, but we're pleased with all the support we have had from our members in the Football

The dispute involved the yearly contribution made by the League to the PFA from its television revenue. Traditionally, it had been designated as 10 per cent, but it was suddenly changed to a "discretionary" amount. The PFA, which received £560.000 from the League last year, protested strongly, with Gordon Taylor. the chief executive, adamant that he would ask the players to strike in an effort to secure a

Andy Williamson, the League secretary, said: "We're happy this saga has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It means that supporters and our commercial partners can be assured that there will be no disruption to the League programme.

"I think we were always moving towards an eleventhhour agreement, it was always Everybody hoped we could have avoided all the uncertainty, but, unfortunately. that's the way things tend to develop. It is difficult for any side to claim they have won

THE threat of a players' strike the day. It is a compromise and both sides are now

Under the terms of the new deal, the PFA will receive a £750,000-a-year down payment, with a further £600,000 a year earmarked for mutually agreed projects — coaching initiatives, youth schemes and private medical insurance.

The League has also decided to radically restructure its format, with Gordon Mckeag. the League president, expected to stand down at the end of the season. The change, if agreed at an emergency general meet-ing of the clubs next month, will see the scrapping of the existing seven-man board, of which Mckeag is chairman, and a nine-man body formed to replace it.

David Sheepshanks, of lpswich Town, proposed the move, along with Ron Noades. of Crystal Palace, Jonathan Hayward, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Ian Stott, of Oldham Athletic. "I'm absolutely delighted." Sheep-shanks said. "There were a lot of views expressed as this

clearly is a radical change. "This was started by the first division clubs, but it very quickly captured the imagination of the second and third division clubs as well. There was a very strong feeling that change had to happen."

Under the blueprint devised by Sheepshanks and his colleagues, the new ruling body will commission an independent report that will look at the structure of the League and its board.

If the clubs vote in favour of a new governing body at their emergency meeting. McKeag will relinquish his chairmanship with immediate effect. However, he will not give up his presidency of the League until next summer, after the new board has considered the findings of the report.

Debate on the matter lasted dissent from the gathering. However, when a vote was called for to arrange the emergency meeting, only one, unnamed, club was opposed



Kilcline, now with Mansfield Town, has mellowed in appearance as well as approach as he nears the end of his colourful playing career

# Giant Killer seeks one more Cup victim

Riller Kilcline. The syllables roll off the tongue. Watch Brian Kilcline in action and clearly there is more to the nickname than a handy piece of allitera-tion. There always was. The Viking locks have been replaced by a ponytail and the bushy beard exchanged for a tidy goatee, but, in the rough, tough world of third division football. Kilcline remains as

These days, he is the elder statesman for Mansfield Town, a towering figure in every sense. At 34, he is three years older than Steve Parkin, the manager. Few would say it to his face, evident though it may be, but Kilcline is nearing the winter of his career. The highlight is obvious, enshrined on film and paper, and memories of his

most glorious day are sure to

robust as a barn door.

be rekindled tomorrow. Nine years ago, Kilcline joined an exclusive group of players to have lifted the FA Cup when he captained Coventry City to a 3-2 victory in one of the most open. attractive finals of the past decade. It was another triumph for the underdog, the sort of result that ensures that the word "romantie" can be Richard Hobson meets a defender with a reputation for tackling some of the game's toughest assignments

used legitimately in future

This weekend, the Cup beround and, for Kilcline, it means a tie against Consett, of Federation Brewery Northern League, at Field Mill. "Every year, you try to go as far as you can," Kilcline said. "In league football, you cannot really get away with saying you take each game as it comes because it sounds corny, even though it is true. In the cups, there is no other way. Lose one game, and you're out; but, if you lose to a smaller club, then it is even worse because there is the embarrassment as well."

While the nature of the game is changing, and de-fenders are expected to be proficient in more than jumping, tackling and clearing their lines, Kilcline's style has remained largely unaltered Notts County as a strapping teenager, inviting the sugges tion then that he must have emerged from the womb 17 years earlier with hair on his legs. He took the advice of



Howard Wilkinson, then the manager at Meadow Lane, and eschewed the chance of a career with Ireland (both his parents are Irish) to collect two England Under-21 caps.



The crowning moment for

"I got led astray," Kilcline said, reflecting on the bad company that ultimately forced him out of Nottingham. "I did things that I wanted to do at the time, but were not appropriate in terms of building a career. Perhaps I was not ready for the commit-ment that needed to be made." He has learnt from the experience. "The only person I trust in life is my wife," he said.

On the field, there are plenty who have placed their faith in Kilcline. He was Kevin Keegan's first signing at Newcastle United and Keegan said recently that it was Kilcime who saved the club from relegation into the old third division.

The player admits that he is best in a "backs-against-thewall" situation. He has also helped Coventry and Oldham Athletic away from the threat relegation. "Even as a bool kid, I was playing for the lesser teams and getting beaten regularly," he said.
"People think I get into difficult situations deliberately because I enjoy getting out of

It is certainly true that Klicline enjoys a challenge. When he bought a remote farmhouse in Holmfirth, Yorkshire, with his wife, Lynn, it lacked any heating and had damp on the walls. Now, it is a warm, meticulously-decorated home. He also

owns a narrow boat, which he

has learnt to navigate, and often spends the night before

a home game on board the vessel which is usually

moored on the River Soar. None of which fits easily with the public perception of Kilcline as a bard man. "They might see me as this big. strong defender, but, except for a while when I was unger and tried to live up to it. I have never encouraged anybody to think anything about me," he said. "That image is not fair, but it is a bit late in my career for people to change their minds." He says that he has been sent off "two or three times, but never for mything pasty".

Tough as nails at work, soft as grease at play. Kilchine is description. He values his privacy, but loves his football. Nothing could be better than a scrappy 2-1 win tomorrow, provided that Consett lead for most of the game.

Scally sees \* investment reap a rich return at Gillingham By OUR SPORTS STAFF

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PAUL SCALLY was a man with something to celebrate yesterday. It was the morning after the night that Gillingham had achieved the greatest result in their 103-year history - a victory over Coventry City, of the FA Carling Premiership, that put them into the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup. What is more, it came 16 months after Scally. the chairman, had rescued the Nationwide League second division club from collapse.

Gillingham were on the verge of folding with the club in receivership and with debts of £1 million before Scally. who owns a group of office equipment companies and is a Millwall supporter, bought the club for around £2 million. Since then, Gillingham have not looked back, winning promotion from the third division in May and their night of cup glory at Highfield Road on Wednesday.

"I've been a Millwall supporter for 28 years and had no previous involvement with Gillingham until the summer before last. Scally said, "but I saw on the television that the club was in receivership. I had a look at the club and liked what I saw — the crowd and the potential of the place and I became hooked.

"I paid over £1.5 million, but I'd not got pots of money to throw in. However, if I could make it pay off the field and make sure the manager didn't have to sell his players for us to break even, then I felt we had half a chance, and that's

what happened."

Tony Pulis, the Gillingham manager, said: "Occasions like Wednesday make everything worthwhile. The club has had some days to remember over the past 15 months and clinching promotion at Fulham was very special, but in my wildest dreams I never expected to go to Coventry to get a result. I felt we deserved it over the two games and. having come from 2-0 down, I think we could have finished the job off at our place if we had been given another ten

What will it mean financially? I haven't really thought about that so far. That is game is very important to me and the result was the most important thing. Now, let's look forward to Ipswich in the next round.

Ian Crook, the Norwich City midfield player, was fined £250 by the Football Association yesterday after admit-ting signing for two clubs at the same time.

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In June, Crook was released by Norwich and agreed to join Inswich Town, their East Anglia neighbours. Norwich, though, reappointed Mike Walker as manager and he persuaded Crook to return to Carrow Road. Crook, however, signed registration forms with Norwich before the contract that he had agreed with Ipswich was declared invalid

and he was charged by the FA. Andorra's debut in international football ended in a 6-1 defeat by Estonia yesterday. Pol marked his name in the history books of the small prinicipality in the Pyrenees by becoming his country's first goalscorer when he equalised after 61 minutes, but Estonia soon regained the lead and, as Andorra ran out of steam, they conceded four more goals in the final stages. Arbeiter scored four for Estonia.

# Powling plays on nerves of Brighton's troubled travellers Alan Lee on how the



hen a team lies rock bottom of the third division with its supporters in revolt and its directors under siege, the solitary consolation is that fate has dealt all its bad cards. Tomorrow afternoon, at a rustic ground in Suffolk, may prove that the joker has yet to be played on Brighton.

The market town of Sudbury has its attractions. There is a river, some noble old buildings and verdant countryside, but, when the beleaguered players of Brighton bump across the potholed entrance to the Priory Stadium, they can be pardoned for being blind to all this. The FA Cup has simply invited them further into purgatory.

"It is just about the best draw we could have got." Richie Powling, the manager "We all want to play a League club at home and, because it's Brighton and they are having a rough time, there is just a slight chance we could win."

The mood is infectious. The shop windows of Sudbury have begun to fill with rosettes and pictures of the town team, for this is their cup final. Out on the pitch, the groundsman stepped down from his tractor, grinned around at the tiny, garishly red stand and the Dickensian floodlights and said: "You wouldn't think we were going to beat Brighton on this, would you?"

Powling's optimism, however, is solidly based, for he is no backwoods dreamer. Early in the 1970s, he made his Arsenal debut, aged 17, and in the next four seasons he played 55 games. "Liam Brady Sudbury manager is

plotting to ambush ailing opposition

ition." Powling said. "I always knew he would be a lot better

The fame that attended Brady turned its back on his stockier friend. A knee injury ended Powling's League career at 21. although, for the next four years, he tried to defy the evidence. He spent a decade as a travelling salesman, but now, at 40, he is enjoying the game again. After a spell as assistant to Barry Fry at Barnet, Powling

managed Grays Athletic,

Tiptree United and Harwich and Parkeston. Then, he took his young family from their native Barking and harnessed his ambition to Sudbury. "The aim is to relocate to a new ground out of town and that is my main incentive," he said. The Priory Stadium has

been Sudbury's home since 1952, but David Webb, the club secretary, remembers watching the team play at their previous base, now the town's cricket ground, "I was born in Sudbury and I've been watching the club for 50 years now," Webb said. "I never thought we would come this far - Wembley for the Vase final in 1989 and now the first round of the FA Cup for the

It is not, perhaps, the cosy, small-town team that Webb remembers of old. Powling.

players a year if the club is to survive, has created a team of his own. The captain is Nicky Smith, once of Colchester United but now working as a postman while he trains for the police force. Recently, Powling has added Tony English, formerly the Colchester captain but, like himself, forced out of League football by a suspect knee.

that forces him to sell two

These East Anglian lumi-naries apart, Brighton will be confronted by the usual non-league mix, including a swimming-pool attendant and a double glazing salesman. Though acknowledging that

Sudbury's facilities, finances and following are as thin as any in the Doc Martens League, Powling claimed that their coaching, scouting and

any. There is character within the team, too.

Last week, protecting a 2-1 first-leg advantage in a cup-tie at Fisher Athletic, they were 5-0 down before half-time yet recovered to score four and go through on away goals. Then, on Saturday, they took an away point from Gresley Rovers, the unbeaten leaders.

Powling speaks with realism. "Nine times out of ten, Brighton will beat us comfortably." he said, "but they won't want to come here and they will find a carnival atmosphere that might just disturb them. Our normal gate is 400 and there will be ten times that many here on Saturday." With that, he dashed off to the printers to collect more tickets. The work of a non-league manager is never done.

SNOOKER: FORMER WINNERS SUFFER DEFEAT ON EVE OF UK CHAMPIONSHIP

# White and Parrott fail German test

JOHN PARROTT and Jimmy White. both former winners of the United Kingdom championship, each suffered setbacks on the eve of the 1996 event when there were surprisingly defeated in the final qualifying round of the German Open at Preston Guild Hall yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

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Parrott, a realistic contender for the UK title, was beaten 5-3 by David Gray, a rookie professional, while White lost 5-1 to Mark Davis, the world No 55.

After opening match defeats in the Asian Classic, Regal Scottish Masters and Grand Prix, White is devoid of confi-

going well and you've strung a few wins together, you're in a mould. I am out of that at the moment and I just can't seem to get involved out there."

Unlike White. Parrott, a semi-finalist at the Regal Masters and Grand Prix, has enjoyed an encouraging start to the new campaign. As such, his unusually ineffective display against Gray. 17, came as a shock to his system.

Gray, who was forced to negotiate nine qualifying rounds in order to ensure his place in the final stages of the tournament

dence. "It is a very frustrating experi-ence," White said. "When things are next month, overcame an understandable next month, overcame an understandable degree of nervousness to register the best win of his fledgeling career.

"David is a good little player, I played awfully and a combination of the two all led to this result; I've got absolutely no excuses," Parrott said.

Mark Williams, who won the Grand Prix, highlighted a 5-2 victory over Nick Price with a 140 total clearance, and, in so doing, further endorsed his credentials as a value bet for the £70,000 first prize on offer at the UK championship, which gets under way this afternoon.

SAILING: ARIEL CREW CELEBRATE WITH HEARTY BREAKFAST ASHORE

# Turner takes honours with day to spare

ARIEL, skippered by Ras Turner, took the honours to win the first leg of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's Clipper 96 round-theworld race, when she crossed the finishing line off Fort Lauderdale early yesterday, enabling her crew to enjoy a hearty breakfast ashore (Edward

Turner and his paying volunteers had taken 21 days and 21 minutes to complete the second half of the leg from Madeira, a distance of 3,700 nautical miles, and he looked to have beaten the nearest of his rivals by at least 24 hours. The next yacht to arrive, early this morning, is expected

to be Chrisolite, skappered by Colin de Mowbray, followed by Mermerus, under Jim Thom. Turner, a former career naval officer

and Whitbread veteran from Saltash, Cornwall, was relieved to have held on to his lead after contending with torn spinnakers for much of the leg. The light winds were very changeable in the middle and it became like a demolition derby at one stage with spinnakers tearing and a broken halyard pushing one spinnaker into the sea, he said, "Luckily, we were able to effect the necessary repairs and we are thrilled to be on dry land again."

In the Vendée Globe single-handed round-the-world race, Pete Goss, whose first ten days have been hampered by the failure of his radio, yesterday managed to get it going again. He is now able to receive vital weather faxes for the first time since the start. Goss, on Aqua Quorum, was lying in tenth place with Catherine Chabaud, of France, on Whirlpool-Europe 2, back ahead of him in ninth place and making better speed in light trade wind conditions. The race leader is still Yves Parlier, on Aquitaine Innovations, who is 30 miles ahead of Isabelle Autissier, on PRB.

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Former stand-off half can help inspire Wales to recapture their former glories

# Captain Davies to get the dragon breathing fire

t first glance, the inclu-sion of Jonathan Da-A vies in the Wales squad to play Australia on December I might appear to be a selection which ignores the longterm development of the team for the possible benefit of short-term gains. But what, may I ask, is so wrong with that?

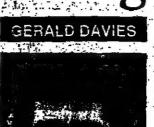
Having grown accustomed since the first World Cup to the four-year cycle, national team almost obsessionally, towards that objective. It would be misguided, however, to consider every other match simply as a preparation for that

With Davies, 34, there is only the faintest of possibilities that he will, by 1999, be in sufficiently sprightly form to be included for that tournament. Even he, with his unbounded enthusiasm for rugby, will readily admit that the chances are that he will

have lost his edge by the time the World Cup arrives in Cardiff almost three years hence. It is a long way off. But that such a distant prospect should only belong to those with youth on

their side is hardly the basis for sound selection for sext month's fixture.

Who knows what may happen in the meantime? Loss of form, injury and any other sporting catastrophe can soon bring the best-laid plans to nought. Players come and go. Selectors inevitably have to look to the future, but not too far. The next game, as they say, is always the hardest. Another of those dressing.



in their only viewry of last eason's championship, but there has been little comfort

for them since then: Two heavy defeats against Australia during the summer were followed by failure more recently against France and a less than convincing victory over Italy. The sooner this disappointing series of results comes to an end the better and,

#### 'He can bring a match to life and turn it in his team's favour

for the moment, any thoughts of the World Cup should be put on hold.

A squad must be built brick by brick, step by steady step, and the recall of Davies may help that rehabilitation. He is playing well. In this his second. season since returning from regby league, he has had a consistent run in the Cardiff men at stand-off half. Last season. Cardiff chose him at fell back and at centre and, because of the presence of Richmond, Jonathan Davies

in the position in which he made such a luminous name

. It was clear that he did not feel at home in the other positions and his club began this season by losing three consecutive matches. That Cardiff have recaptured their reputation since then is no small part due to the magiste rial influence of Davies.

No one in his position knows the nuances of the game better than he does. He is a great judge of what the moment requires, of the astute tactical mudge which can bring the match to life and turn it in his team's favour. He is an asture reader of the

game. No one needs to tell him which lines of the plot to follow. He may no longer have the same fleetness of foot as of yore, he may not entirely be committed to the philosophy of "tackle counts", although he never shirks his responsibility in this regard. No one who has played rugby

league could. His job, he is likely to admit, is to stay on his feet and to attempt to direct the game's course - and not to be caught at the bottom of a ruck. His role, as Carwyn James once wrote memorably

of Barry John, is not only to sniff the wind but to create it. But, while all these playing factors in themselves are important, there is, in the present mood of the Wales team, another quality which Davies can impart to his colleagues and which he has in abundance: confidence. His presence alone could prove a

crucial asset against Australia. Having travelled the world and played against the mightiest teams, he has long out-



grown the sense of awe that pervades younger, less experienced players as they contemplate facing such reputations. Davies is not overwhelmed by the opposing company.

There are too many players in the Wales squad who have lived for too long in the shadow of defeat and grown

lient man. His effervescent play reflects the optimism of his personality, and this needs to rub off on others. They, too, need to strut as he does.

No outsider knows exactly what mood lies in the dressing-room but, for sure, with Davies in the squad, the spirit will never be diffident nor haunted by disturbing

what may still be thought a bold step to include him in the squad, and will soon have to consider his place in the team, they may, at the same time, consider whether he should in fact lead the side. For Davies could prove a boon to the management: he is his own

Leading clubs boycott divisional games

### Britain excel

Karate: Great Britain won five gold medals at the world championships in Sun City. finishing ahead of 89 countries, including France and Japan. The team excelled in taking four individual gold medals and a women's team also won gold. The Britain team coach was Ticky Donovan, a previous world titlewinner.

Welch drops title

Boxing: Scott Welch. 28, has given up his British heavy-weight title after becoming the No I contender for the World Boxing Organisation crown. Welch had been ordered by the British Boxing Board of Control to defend his title against Julius Francis by

ICE SKATING

IN BRIEF

**Duff offers** 

£100,000

for Schwer

contest

MICKEY DUFF, the London boxing promoter, is offering a record £100,000 to the winner

of the British lightweight

championship bout, between

Michael Ayers and Colin

Dunne, on November 20, to

Duff, who manages Dunne

and Schwer, said yesterday

that the bout would be staged

at a leading venue in London in February. "It will be a tremendous fight and I would

not be able to make it without

paying a record purse for the division." Duff said. The bout

between Ayers and Dunne, at

the Wembley Conference Centre, is almost sold out.

Badminton: James Anderson

and Ian Pearson, both 22,

gave Steve Baddeley, the new

England manager, a success-

ful start, completing a 3-2

victory in the first of six

matches in a series against

China with an impressive

performance at Exeter in the

The promising young part-nership delivered a 15-5, 15-13

win over Zhang Jun and Min

Zhenyu to raise hopes that

there might be a repeat of the

achievement last year, when

England scored a first victory

in a series against the Chinese.

Rugby league: Iestyn Harris, 20, the Great Britain and

Wales stand-off half, has

turned down the chance to

move to Leeds, which leaves

the way clear for St Helens to

agree a possible world record

deal with Warrington for the

player, who is on the transfer

ist at £1.35 million. "I am

flattered by Leeds's approach,

but I will not be going there

because I have set my heart on joining St Helens," Harris said.

Leeds rejected

deciding men's doubles.

Baddeley boost

meet Billy Schwer.

# Absence of pairs gives grounds for concern

By JOHN HENNESSY

IF THERE is one discipline in British figure skating that causes greater concern than any other, it is the pairs event. The combined entry for the junior and senior domestic championships in Guildford this week was three, saved from a walkover in one event or the other by one couple. Marsha Poluliaschenko and Andrew Seabrook, making an appearance in

competitions.

But for the loosening of the qualification rules in the past couple of years, there would have been two walkovers. Poluliaschenko, a vivacious 15-year-old Ukrainian, arrived in this country only two years ago, and her progress as a skater has been as impressive as her rapidly-improved com-mand of English. Starting from scratch, she speaks now with hardly a flaw.

She is, then, a godsend at a time when pairs skaning in Great Britain is light years away from the era of John and Jenniler Nicks, the winners of the world championship in 1953; and Alan Seabrook and Lesley Pearce, her teachers at Swindon, had a ready-made partner in Alan's son, the British junior solo champion last year.

The problem of sparse entry has been exacerbated this year by stricter conditions imposed by the National Ice Skating Association: silver-medal standard instead of bronze for juniors, gold-medal instead of silver for seniors. The principle behind the change is to strengthen the standard. It may well be justified in the long-term, but the immediate effect is to accept threadbare competition.

At least Poluliaschenko and Seabrook, 18, looked the part and may well provide a challenge to Lesley Rogers and Michael Aldred, the holders of the senior title, later in the

Tristan Cousins, 14, the nephew of Robin, the British Olympic champion of 1980. was fourth in the men's junior event yesterday. He skated well, though with a conspicuit was, he fell on his second double axel and touched down on a double toe-loop.

The event was won by Alan Street, a stylish Blackburn skater, of 16, who was given pride of place by all seven judges. Howard Davies. 15. from Belfast, was even more stylish, but lacked Street's technical content, offering only one clear triple jump compared with Street's three. although one of which, a toeloop, was imperfectly landed. Davies finished runner-up for the second successive time and David Walsingham. of Chelmsford, third.

# New Zealand secure place in classic final

NEW Zestand restation on course to retain their world rughy dessit title after a thrilling semi-final victory over South Africa at Nation Sports Club in Bernanda

(Adrian Drummond writes). The meeting between the two teams of former internationals on Wednesday night produced fast, open ragby in which New Zealand our-scored South Africa by five tries to three, winning 25-15.

Deon Oosthuizen scored first for South Africa, after a scything run through the suidfield by Heigard Mulier, but Alan Crowley, the New Zealand serum half, countered a

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followed, Terry Wright and Bernie McCahill scoring for New Zealand and Danie Gerber crossing in the corner for South Africa. Kulu Ferreira brought South Africa level after half-time, but New Zealand's ability to keep the ball in play and to recycle it had South Africa under pres sure in the last quarter and resulted in two tries.

New Zealand will play the winners of the match last night between the Celtic Barbarians and Canada.

BADMINTON

By DAVID HANDS . BUGBY CORRESPONDENT THE representative

gramme in England, which last week threatened some coherence, returned to disarray yesterday when the leading clubs withdrew their players from selection for divisional teams. Their action is a consequence of the breakdown of talks on Wednesday between the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Eprue) and the Rugby Football Union RFUL.

There is no point in us having the ammunition - the players - and not using it," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said. "None of

The state of the s

day. I thought we had a solution to the dispute. I would not condemn any club who chose to sign the RFU agreement, because they need the money, but I don't see that as the way to a lasting settlement." The one club, Nottingham, who had signed with the

RFU, are now considering

rescinding that agreement. No England player has yet signed an RFU contract and Derek Morgan, the chairman of the RFU national playing committee, said: "I hope that some of the players' contracts have a let-out clause that allows them to play in the divisional matches. These

us want to leave the union games against strong touring Meanwhile. Bath have made and, at one stage on Wednes- opposition are specifically de- eight changes from the XV signed as a stepping-stone into the England A team." The Argentinian national

side arrive on Monday and are scheduled to play London at Twickenham on Wednesday, but the London squad contains only players from Epruc members. "It is shambolic," Tony Jorden, the chairman of the London selectors, said. "We have a fallback plan which inclves using players from Rosslyn Park and Havant Sboth third-division clubs), but my worry is that players from that level could be exposed to danger in the scrums against such pow-

beaten at Northampton last week for the Heineken Cup quarter-final in Cardiff tomorrow. Jonathan Callard, Andy Robinson and John Mallett are among the rejects and are joined among the replacements by Henry Paul, the rugby league international. Robbie, Paul's younger

brother, has not recovered from an ankle injury, so Will Carling will partner Gary Connolly for Harlequins against Leicester. The fixture congestion this season has forced Leicester to move their traditional fixture with the Barbarians from December 27 to February 25.

### FOR THE RECORD

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(a), (b) and (c). A propheters who spent her life serving God with prayer and insting night and day. She happened to come into the Temple when Simeon was praising and thanking God for the advent of Jesus into the world. She too thanked God and began the task of spreading throughout Jerusalem the good news of the redemption of man. Other Annas are Tobit's wife and the mother of the Virgin Mary.

(c) A Benjaminite who raised a revolt against David after the solimore of Abanham's revolt. David sent Joab and Abishai against him and they besieged him in Abel of Beth-manchab. To save their tity, the inhabitants ent off Sheba's head and threw it over the wall to Junio.

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# No net gains from superhighway robbery

Shearer on the Internet, you may be surprised by the result. By latest information superhighway reports. Shearer plays for Blackburn Rovers and fans are concerned that he has not scored for England for more than a year. Feels like time travel? It certainly does. In another entry, a Shearer groin injury is mentioned, which seems momentarily more up-to-date - but only until you notice that it is dated March 35.

This is curious. It feels like a conspiracy to remove the past six months. Even downloading a picture of Shearer from a heading entitled "Paintings and Portraits" proves to be a disappoint-

ment in pixel form because, not only is the sweetheart wearing pale blue and white, but the words "Football Heroes 95" are noticeable beneath.

Having spent three fruitless evenings on the Internet this week. searching for red-hot "footy stuff". I can report that my discoveries were lukewarm at best - my personal favourites being a "When Saturday Comes" newsgroup for people who have "scored" at football matches (you don't want to know), and a handy "runt" page for people who have strong but banal opinions such as "Wolverhampton are the most buring team in the first division, if not

BRITISH tennis is booming --it is official. Heaven forbid

that anyone should disagree

with the pronouncement.

After so many years of waiting

and hoping for a player good enough to justify all the mil-

lions of pounds of investement

in the game, the Lawn Tennis

Association (LTA) is making

the most of the success achieved by Tim Henman and

Greg Rusedski. Yesterday, at

the Guardian Direct national

championships in Telford, there was a feeling that every-

one was toeing the company

Two days ago, Sam Smith

caused something of a ripple of discontent to run through the official ranks when she suggested that maybe, just

maybe, things were not as

wonderful as everyone would

like to think. While the women's game in Great Britain

was not exactly at an all-time

high, take away Henman and Rusedski and the rest of the

men's rankings did not look

too clever, either; that was the

She was the topic of conversation again yesterday when.

as No I seed, she went out in

the quarter-finals to Claire

Taylor, a player ranked 152

places below her in the world.

Not that her performance was

foremost in everyone's mind.

Suddenly. Smith was back-

tracking. "I didn't think what I

said was controversial and I

she said. "I was not trying to

be negative about the LTA at

all. Things are getting a lot

No, she had not been spo-

ken to before her match and.

no, the row had not been a

distraction, she said. How-

ever, she was approached by

Keith Wooldridge, the manag-

er of women's national train-

ing, after her defeat to

reacquaint her with company

policy on the state of British

tennis. Clare Wood, 100, had

her wrists slapped for men-

am surprised at the response."

you search for news of Alun the world. [Luckily, that one was there, so I didn't have to add it.)

Nobody warned me about the dreary effect of internationals on the life of a keen fontball supporter always ready at the front door with jacket zipped up. moonboots on. gloves threaded down her sleeves. and a sandwich and bus pass packed in a scruffy plastic carrier bag. On Saturday, with no march to attend, I stood by the front door and whined

'I stood by the

door, whining

miserably'

What do people do on these enforced halfterm breaks? Well, it turns out that they read their football magazines cover to cover and then catch up on shut-eye during the stultifying second half of Georgia v England on the

So, it was a fragmented sort of week, football-wise. Keeping cheer-ful, however. I enjoyed musing on what a good dramatic comedy could be made out of Emerson's plucky runner, and wondering whether the final straw for this excellent twinkletoed footballer was the booing during the recent Newcastle United v Middlesbrough match. The idea of Emerson doing a bunk is irresistibly funny, somehow. Escape from Middlesbrough! Exotic superstar foot-

buller returns from match to find

lewely Brazilian wife dressed entirely

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

in Damart thermals with hot-water bottle strapped to each foot! "Aiee!". he exclaims, and boards next plane

back to Rio. Focusing on essentials. I pass over the tender feelings of Bryan Robson and enjoy a hearty chuckle at the expense of the country's many fanta-sy football managers who selected Emerson and are now anxiously ringing the airports. Ha, ha. ha! How does it feel to watch your team sink in the middle with a sound of expelled

Such speculation was not enough to sustain the eager woman with the sandwich, though. So, call me pathet-

Bates is in reflective mood during his defeat in straight sets by Robinson at the national championships yesterday

200, we have the world former

junior No I in Martin Lee and

there is lot of talent out there."

Then he would say that -

Rusedski has just signed up

with Nestle, the food com-

pany, to become its tennis

ambassador. Wooldridge

Even Paul Robinson had

eye on politics as he ended

Jeremy Bates's run in Telford,

6-4. 6-3. Now that Bates has

taken charge of men's national

training. Robinson was well

aware that a good showing

would be proud of him.

TENNIS: TOP SEED SURPRISINGLY BEATEN AS WORDS RETURN TO HAUNT HER

Repentant Smith receives a volley

ic, if you will, but I resorted to memories of Euro 96. By chance, in the evenings this week. Soho Stories on BBC2 focused on that exciting three weeks in June - though as seen from the viewpoint of two Soho community bobbies in shirtsleeves. with the tension building nightly to the Trafalgar Square riot on the night of the defeat by Germany. It was not the way I remembered Euro 96 personally, but at least it was

want to go

to penalties'

which was nice. 'England won't So, on Monday night's programme, the Swiss arrived, and all was calm. The policemen made small talk with traders and bar owners along the

timetable of events,

lines of "It might go quietly; it might go mental." Soho residents ignored the rumblings of the gathering storm. By Tuesday, however. Scots were bending forward and flipping their kilts over their backs rather unpleasantly, while English fans began to run wild; and police protected pubs full of nice orange Dutch people singing funny words to the tune of Auld Lang Syne

When the fateful Wednesday arrived, though, the producer came up with an inspiration, choosing to intercut the national drama unfolding in the streets with a backstage view of a simultaneous Les Misérables performance - the uniting theme being the barricades, of course, as well as miserableness.

It turned out to be a good idea, not least for the memorable image of men in theatrically-soiled linen rushing to their dressing-rooms between songs to find out the score. An anothetic dresser made the big mistake of joshing about this important matter. "It's 3-1." he said, but then hastily apologised. In the star's something, and I understood the dressing-room, a blood-stained

French urchin-child (possibly dead) piped up with the terrible truth. "England won" want to go to penalties," he explained to the grown-ups. "Ger-many have never lost

on penalties."

As I said, it was something. It kept me going and proves that I do not mind living six months adrift if I choose. In the meantime, I do think that the Internet might try a bit harder. On one search for Shearer. I got "Jeff's Flyfishing Page", which is solely concerned with saltwater angling in North Carolina. In the end, the highest point of interest was a fake bulletin on the Manchester City home page. "A burglary was recently committed at Man City's ground," it ran. "The entire contents of the trophy room were stolen. Police are looking for a man with a blue

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

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British

entry seek

to improve

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

AFTER disappointing results

in the Amsterdam and Brus-

sels Volvo World Cup qualifi-

ers, British riders will attempt

to redress the balance at the

Millstreet International Show

that begins here today. The

qualifier, the sixth of the

season, takes place tomorrow

night and has attracted 36

riders from 15 countries.

Tweive Britons are competing, including the Olympic riders, Nick Skelton, John and Michael Whitaker.

None has a sharper resolve

than Michael Whitaker. After

his worst year in the sport, Whitaker, once No I, has dropped to No I2 in the world

rankings. Unless he regains

his position in the top ten by

the end of the year, he will no

have automatic entry to the

post-Christmas World Cup shows. Midnight Madness

and Two Step, his top horses,

are resting, but he has an able

substitute this weekend in

Ashley, his 1995 Foxhunter

winner, on which he was fifth

in the Danish qualifier in

Despite an impressive line-

up of overseas riders - that

includes Jos Lansink, the 1994

World Cup winner, and Piet

Raymakers, the winner in

Oslo and Helsinki last month,

both from Holland -

Whitaker may find that one of

the main threats comes from

his wife, Veronique. In Brus-

sels last week, the Belgian-

born Mrs Whitaker was the

highest placed Briton, finish-

ing fourth on Eldorado in the biggest qualifier of the season

Skelton has no such con-

cerns with Dollar Girl, his

1995 World Cup winner, who

won the Millstreet qualifier

last year after a devastating

Aarhus last month.

help his career prospects. "Ob-

viously, he is the head guy in

terms of trips and things so I

Louise Latimer's prospects

ran aground yesterday against Julie Pullin. The nat-

ional junior champion was

sitting at 5-4 up in the first set

when she was distracted by a

line call. Rattled and unhappy,

she failed to win another game

as Pullin went through 7-5.

6-0. She will meet Lucie Ahl in

the semi-finals.

wanted to do well." he said.

# Good kind of dark deed

RADIO CHOICE

The Proud Walker, Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

Coming from someone else, William Walker's self-assuring reflection that "the Church's one foundation is met would have sounded ridiculously appropriate Assertly is used to be Englished and the Church's continued to the Englished Computer of the Englis that "the Church's one foundation is me!" would have wounded ridiculously presumptuous. Actually, it was true, Early this century, which it was built are found to be sinking into the marsh on which it was built Engineers came up with a plant dig deep down into the adjoining graveyard, pack the flooded pits with hags of the interest of the water, and keep fingers crossed. Without the back-breaking persistence of a helmeted diver. Walker, working for six years in inky blackness ("blacker than Old Nick's breeches"), the plan would have been unworkable. In Keith Darvill's dramatised feature, Walker the do-or-die diver, is played by John Harriey.

Stravinsky in Three Movements. Radio 4, 9.20pm

Enthusiasm of the gushing variety can become tiresome. That there is no fear of this happening in tonight's Kaleidoscope Feature, discerningly assembled by Erika Wright. She brings together three contemporary composers, all indebted to Stravinsky in some way or other, and gets them to pick a particular favourite from his huge output, and explain why they chose it. They are Steve Martiand, whose analysis of the Symphony of Psalms made me want to hear it again without further delay; the American composer, John Adams, who chooses Perrushka, and the Dutch composer. Louis Andriessen, whose choice is the ballet music for Agon. whose choice is the ballet music for Agon.

#### RADIO 1

6,30em Chris Evens 9,60 Simon Mayo, Includes Golden Hour 12,00 Lise l'Anson, includes at 12,30pm-12,45 Newsbeat and at 1,15 The Net 2,00 Micky Campbell 4,00 Mark Goodier 7,00 Essentiel Selection, with Peter Tong 10,00 Scho Live. One in the Jungle 12,00 Rodio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood 3,00em Annie Nightingske 5,00 Clare Sturgers.

#### RADIO 2

8.00est Sarah Kannedy 7.30 Wake up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Judi Spiers 3.00 Ed Stevant 5.05 Helen Sharman 7.00 Today's the Day 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. From the Hippodrome Robin Boyle Introduces the BSC Concert Orchestra, under Barry Wordsworth 8.45 Jarraica Inn (3/10) 9.00 A Life on the Ocean Wave (3/4) 10.00 Shendan Mortey 12.05am Charles Nove

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, Inc. at 5.45 Wate Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, Incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Duarts MacBill 12.00 Midday with Mar. Incl at 12.35pes Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationalds, Incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, with David MicNell, Incl Sports Bulletin 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, Second-helf commentary of Transvere Rovers v Oldham Affelic 10.05 Paper Talk 11.00 Night Exha 12.05am After Hours 2.50 Up All Night

#### TALK RADIO

5.00cm Early Breaktast 7.00 Paul Roos 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whate 1.00em Ian Collins

All times in GMT Netter on the hour 5.30mm Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shell 7.30 Green History of the Planet 8.10 Words of Farm 8.15 Music Review 8.55 Global Gardening 9.05 World Business Perport 9.15 Focus on Faith 9.45 Sport 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shell 11.30 Meridian Books 12.05pm Business 12.15 Bittain Today 12.30 Science in Action 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Authitrack 3.05 Sport 3.15 Global Gardening 3.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.01 Outlook 7.25 World of Faith 7.30 Multimate) 9.05 World of Faith 7.30 Multimate) 9.05 World Focus on Fath 7,01 Outdot 7.25 words of Fath 7,00 Mutatract 9,05 World Business Report 9,15 Britain Today 9,00 People and Politics 10,30 World Today 10,45 Sport 11,10 Spothghi 11,15 Insider's Guide 11,25 Book Chace 11,30 Mutatrack 12,30am Seven Days 12,45 Britain Today 1,30 Outdook 1,55 Words of Fath 2,30 Sevence in Auton 2,45 Sport 3,30 Medican In 4,30 Sevence 3.15 Sport 3.30 Mendian Live 4.30 Jazz Now and Then 4.45 Seven Days CLASSIC FM

WORLD SERVICE

4.00am Mark Grittins 6.00 Milre Rend 9.06 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannan Simons 2.00pm Cencerto Litual (Concerto Satoria) Procede Satoria; Concerto Julia (Concerto Satoria) Procede Satoria; Concerto Satoria; Concerto Satoria; Cello Concerto in A mina; Op 129), Haydin (Symphony No 100 in G, Miltary), Procober (Leutenant Rijo, Suite, Op 50) 10.00 Michael Mapon 1.00am Satiy Paterson 4,00am Mark Grittins 6.00 Mile Read

#### VIRGIN RADIO

8.00am Russ in Jono's Breaktert Expensace 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Cark 4.00 Nody Hame 7.50 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Barks 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrast 2.00am Howard Poarce

6.00am On Air, Includes
Telemenn (Trio in E flat): Bax
(Winter Legends), Kodaty
(Matra Pictures)
9.00 Mioming Collection, With
Peter Hobday, includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in
D, Op 3 No 6); Brahms (Violin
Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op
108)

108) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Musical Errodumers.
Includes Handel (Let the Bright Seraphim). Artist of the Week: Wynton Marsalls. Bloch (Concerto Gross No 1);
Hanson (Symphony No 1,
Neoritic)

12.00 Composers of the Week Cherubini and Spontini. Graham Fawcett introduces highlights of Spontini's last opera for Paris, Olympie It contains many of the set pieces with messed soloists chorus and orchestra that

were his speciality

1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime
Concerts. Featuring the
chamber music of Joseph
Haydn with Ronald Brautigam, piano. Haydin (Sonata in E minor); Crame (Sonata in E minor); Cramer (Grande Sonata in D. Op 25 No 2); Haydin (Sonta in D. Op 25 No 2); Haydin (Sonta in G minor); Debussy (Hommege a Haydin); Haydin (Sonta in C) 2.00 Preoccuptions. American conductor Andrew Litton reveals his penchant for jazz 2.15 Music Restored (r) 3.00 Mining the Archive. Features recordings by Australian-born horn player Barry Tuckwell and includes Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat); Poulenc (Elegie); Brahms (Trio in E flat, Op 40)

Brahms (Trio in E flat, Op 40)
The Music Machine. Wynton
Marsalis talks about how to

prepare for a performance and Naralle Wheen visits the Indium Club in New York 5.15 In Tune. Live from the loyer of the Cueen Elizabeth Hall, a special edition as part of the Lundon Jazz Festival 7.30 Jazz from Morresu Jezz from Norway. Live from the Gueen Elizabeth Half, bands led by singer Mari bands led by singer Mari Bothe and bass player Arlid Andersen Both groups are influenced by the traditional music of their country. During the interval. John Surman the interval, John Surman

tre merval, John Surman presents a polited history of the way lazz has developed in Norway through the work of musicians like Robert Normann, Bame Nerem, John Christensen, Jan Contractors and Parents Garberek and Terje Rypdal

9.45 Grains of Sand, Martin

Buckley travels through Omen
to the legendary Empty

Quarter, He also meets the
celebrated desert explorer

Wilfred Theories

calebrated desert explorer Wifred Thesiger

10.10 Hear and Now. Sarah Walker introduces a concert from this year's Bath Festival which brought together jazz planest Keith Tippett and string quartet Kreutzer Ouariet, ptaying their own compositions 11.00 David Revill talks to three composes who all use composers who all use

electronics in different ways Alvin Lucier, Gordon Mumma and Alvin Curran and Awn Curran

12.90 Composer of the Week:
Percy Grainger. In the final
programme, Penelope
Inwaites and Andrew Lyle explore the composer's involvement in early music (r)

# Ruddles County Riddles. No. 12. Change for the Better

Peter, James and John had arranged to most up with several other key members of their local village cricket team to watch highlights from an enthusiastic amateur video of their latest, greatest

mid-seeson match.

Like any thoughtful hosts eatering for grown-up tastes they decided to get in a basic stock of flavoursoms Raddles County is convenient cans. They also agreed as friends de, to share the expense and each chipped in a tenner to the kitty. John volunteered to pap

round to the Off Lisence on their behalf.

tioning in passing that she thought that Smith's assess-

It had been a tough day for

Wood. She scrapped her way

through to the semi-finals

today, slogging through three

sets to defeat Jane Wood 7-5,

3-6. b-2. There were times

when neither player seemed

able to see the wood for the

trees as the momentum, if you

could call it such, swung back

and forth. "It wasn't pretty,

but I struggled through in the

end, which is the aim of the

ment had been a fair one.

After be'd left laden with ale the Manager of the Off Licence realised he'd overcharged him by £5. To rectify the situation immediately, he gave his enios based & taatsiges was and instructed him to run after John and raturn the correct change.

The assistant who was on probation (in more senses than one) caught up with coltentie and banishers and hat being a little economical

with the truth kept 2 pound coins for himself and returned 3 pound coins to John.

game after all." she said.

Maybe a win against Taylor

today will get her back into the LTA's good books.

of chap, is never anything but

overwhelmingly nice. Yester-

day, he edged falteringly into

the controversy after beating

Luke Milligan 7-6, 6-4 to reach

Sam's statement," he said.

"The men's game is a lot

stronger than the women's.

We have five guys in the top

"I'd have to disagree with

the quarter-finals.

Rusedski, a big, geniul sort

Unsuspecting John thanked him and returned £1 each to Peter and James, keeping £1 for himself. In effect this meant that the 3 friends had expanded £9 each and the shifty assistant had nicked £2.

The strange thing is this £9 multiplied by 3 = £27.00 plas £2 that was misappropriated = £29.00. What happened to the

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Michael Whitaker: keen resolve to regain ranking

clock. Although the horse disappointed in Brussels last week. Skelton, the winner of ten qualifiers in his career, is confident that the 16-year-old mare is now "tuned up" for the event tomorrow night.

The powerful British conyear-old. Abbervail Dream.

qualified for every final since the event began in 1979, is resting Welham, his top horse, and relying on the versatile Gammon to extend

performance against the

tingent also includes William Funnell and Di Lampard, who are well capable of giving Great Britain a first win in a World Cup qualifier this season. Funnell is riding Comex, on which he was second at Aarhus. Lampard, the highest placed Briton in the Western European League, rides the consistent nine-

John Whitaker, who has

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer 6.30 Today 8.40
Yesterday in Parliament 8.58
Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs. With the writer,
traveller and philosopher Sir
Laurens van der Poet
Introduced by Sue Lawley (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris
Dunkley

Dunkley 10.00 News; Proud Walker (FM). 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Gail

Foley 11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, Mark
Whitaker presents reports on
consumer and social affairs
12.25pm The Food Programme;
Weather

12.25 pm The Food Programme;
Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archere 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial:
Women In Love: Moonlight,
by D.H. Lawrence With Clere
Holman, Stella Gonet,
Douglas Hodge and Nicholas
Farrell (3/4) (r)
3.00 News; The Aftermoon Shift,
With Lauria Taylor. Dilly

With Laurie Taylor. Dilly Barlow joins the "carpet

traders", people unable to resixt the ture of a house-for-sale sign and yet have no intention of buying 
4.00 News 4.05 Kaletdoscope.

Tim Martow reviews two books on Picasso and sees a new photographic establition at the V&A covering the last century of photographs taken century of photographs taken by Americans 4.45 Short Story: Human Seel

Jillie Meera reads Lesley

# Glaister's story 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places. The lessure and heritage magazine programme presented by David Stafford 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week. Travor Philips presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past seven days.

6.05 Any Questions? Helen

Liddell, MP. Sheita McKechnie; Dr Niali Ferguson; and Ian Lang, MP tackle the issues raised in

Troon. Ayrshire 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins 9.15 Letter from America, by

Alistair Cooke Kateldoscope Feature; Stravinsky in Three Movements. See Choice (r) 9.59 Weather The Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady
Chatterier's Contession

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Chatterley's Comfessions.
Amanda Root reads Elame
Feinstein's sequel to the
D.H. Lawrence novel (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical
corredy sketch show, starting
Sally Grace. Jon Glover and
Dave Lamb
11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx
Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The
Shipping News, by Annie
E. Proux, Abridged by Pat
McLoughtin, Read by William
Hut (5/10)
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.8-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 58.0-90.2 RADIO 3. FM 90.2-82.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 198. (12.45-5.55sm). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO FM. 105.8; MW 1197, 1215; TALK RADIO. MW 1083, 1089-1090; Jan Hughes Special Radio Radi 105.8, MW 1197, 1213 (obs. Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemany

# A very bad case of second series syndrome

ctors often complain that we, the paying public, fail to recognise the essential difference that exists between the characters they portray on screen and themselves. All I can say after last night's episode one of Crocodile Shoes (BBCI) is that we, the paying public, have a point.

Does anybody know where Jimmy Nail, actor and country music singer, begins and where Jed Shepperd, his fictional alter ego, ends? More importantly, does anybody care?

Somebody must, I suppose, for there to be a new series. New series means a new theme tune, the chorus of which has been helpfully woven into the soundtrack, presumably making it easier to walk into a record shop and ask "have you got the one that goes dee deedee, dee deedum . . . There's a new album out too, you see. Series two began with Shepperd as an established star, which

pluck away. He rents mansions in the West Country, is stalked constantly by the paparazzi and wears sunglasses indoors. Last night we met him as he was wrestling with something called second album syndrome ("this one will show whether I've got the legs") and with a flame-haired personal assistant whose Europudding accent was so bizarre that it threatened the authenticity of Nail's genuine Geordie twang. He couldn't have been faking it all these years - could he?

Nail himself gave a performance so low key that you wonder whether the director forgot to shout "action". This was acting from the school of ultra-natural-What this tiresomely laidback series requires, however, is a good kick up the artifice.

unfortunately means that parody nice girl from Tynemouth and was rarely more than a plectrum somebody hit him over the head. In terms of dialogue, we had such gems as "he could hear a song though ... I mean, really hear it". Best of all we had a musical interlude - a chance for Nail to look moodily down the Tyne and sign a few autographs (his signa-ture or Shepperd's, I wonder?) while we endured another track from the album.

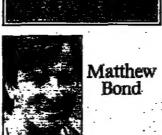
It finished with the some inexplicably corrupt policemen planting two polythene bags of illegal white stuff at the rented mansion. Unfortunately, an identical incident had provided the comic basis for The Thin Blue Line just an hour earlier. But more of that anon.

Tirst we must consider The Works: The Actor's Cut ack series requires, however, is a good kick up the artifice.

In terms of plot last night, his

A (BBC2), a programme so again.

Now, pay attention because this is where it gets complicated. This



his working life Richard E. Grant has been selling his fey little film diaries to newspapers and all my life I've been failing to avoid them. Not having the foresight to move to a region where The Works was not being shown, I found last night was no different. Here we went

manager was murdered, he met a top of my personal hate parade. All was the video diary of the promo-

tion of all those previous diaries that plugged all those previous - and, of course, their author and star, Grant -:

In between these bouts of selfpromotion, Grant's carncorder just happened - as they do - to come across all sorts of very famous people, including Trevor Numb whose campaign to rid the profession of the word "luvvie" was rendered a bloody, twitching mess by this navel-gazing nonsense.

If ever we were in doubt that here was the most delicate of ceas (Grant confessed he was haufited by a review that described his acting as "more than adequate"), the diary proper was followed by no lewer than four postscripts informing us - and reassuring him - that he was in work and a great success. "Do you think I'm less paranoid or more paranoid than when you first met me?" he

tional tours to plug two films and a simpered at Winona Ryder as they book, the latter being a compila-cavorted in Steve Martin's swimcavorted in Steve Martin's swimming pool. Hmm, tough call.

Ben Elton's ego needed to be in pretty-robust shape for the first series of The Thin Blue Line (BBCI) when, initially at least, I appeared to be the only critic in captivity who liked it. I still like it... but I do worry about it. Elion's problem is that having writted scripts that were too rude for a pre-watershed slot, does he have the dramatic wherewithal to justify a post-watershed grown-up slot? Answer yes ... but probably only if you're in the right mood.

Rowler has a bit more Rowler nas a but he Blackadder in him than he used to. He's preposterously naive in some quarters, but he can still manage a Baldric crushing "PC Goody wouldn't get it if it came in a large bag marked "it" when required. Basically he's a comic

pragmatist - anything for a laugh. The supporting cast at Gasforth nick are as enjoyably silly as ever, with David Haig outstanding as DI Grim. I just hope enough people are in the right mood.

Finally, the opulently surnamed Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall returned to Channel 4 with that television rarity, a genuinely different cookery programme, TV Dinners. F-W, as he is known by those who value their writing space, plays a modest part in proceedings, content to let gifted amateurs have their II minutes of fame as they go to no end of trouble preparing extraordinary meals. Last night's host with the most was Gordon Perrier, whose hospitality and attention to detail knew no bounds. Only his guests, squabbling over who had which individually prepared pudding, let him down. No more pears in gold-

#### 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (49757) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (Caefax) (70028) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax) (6201931)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1418738) 9.45 KILROY (s) (8960912)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (8) 11.00 NEWS; (Ceefax) and weather (2753825) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (S)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (6198196) 12.00 NEWS; regional news (Ceetax) and 12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES (r)

(2724370) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (51088318) 1.00 NEWS (Ceelax) and weather (73115) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14373554) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceetax) (8) (24284554)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (1318) 2.30 PETER SEABROOKS GARDENING WEEK (s) (950) 3.00 INCOGNITO

3.30 THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD (5031134) 3.55 DEAR MR BARKER (3621825) 4.10 THE REAL ADVENTURES OF JONNY QUEST (5771202) 4.35 GRANGE HILL (1929399) 5.00 NEWSROUND NEWSROUND 6474009) 5.10 BLUE PETER (Ceefax)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (679221) 6.00 NEWS (Ceelax) and weather (979) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (931) 7.00 MUPPETS TONIGHTI Healther Locklear

is the guest in the last of the present series (Ceelax) (s) (937738) 7.25 TOP OF THE POPS (Ceelax) (s)

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE presented by Michael Aspel (Ceelax) (s) (1554) 8.30 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES with Patricia Routledge. Hyacınth decides it is time she shared her expenence of being a perfect hostess (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7919) 9.00 NEWS (Ceetax) regional news and

9.30 DANGERFIELD: Inside Out Paul becomes emotionally involved when a prisoner dies in police custody. On the something to celebrate With Nigel Le

(172028) 10.20 FILM: Cape Fear (1991) with Robert Da Niro and Nick Note A sadistic osychopath, released from prison after serving a 14-year sentence, is obsessed with taking revenge on the lawyer who unsuccessfully defended him. Directed

by Martin Scorsese (Ceefax) (s) (306554) 12.20em FILM: Dr Terror Presents: Phentaem (1979) with Angus Scrimm. A recently-orphaned boy has a morbid lascination with the strange happenings at the Momingside mortuary and oravevard Soon he is plunged into a emlying battle against the sinister Tall Man who runs the establishment Directed by Dan A Coscarcia (5369500) 1.50 WEATHER (1260806)

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#### BBC2 6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: OUT OF THE

MELTING POT (5751028) 6.50 REFLECTIONS ON A GLOBAL SCREEN (226080) 7.15 SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax and signing) (8392370) 7.30 PERILS OF PENELOPE PITSTOP (4077047) 7.55 THE GREEDYSAURUS GANG (7) (8922757) 8.26 SPIDER (7) (8) (5800457) 8.35 THE RECORD (8) (8801680) 9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: FRENCH EXPERIENCE (8218221) 9.15 THE ECONOMICS COLLECTION (727196) 9.45 WATCH (8830496) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (64979) 10.30 WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY? (3831202) 10.45 PERSENT (1800451) 10.10 CONTROL (1800451) 10 10.45 REVISTA (3836757) 11.00 LOOK AND READ (5362196) 11.20 SHORT CIRCUIT (7025660) 11.40 ENGLISH TIME: THE ANCIENT MARINER (6111047) 12.00 ENGLISH FILE -POETRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT (38487) 12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (86738) 1.00 SCENE (71757) 1.30 TECHNOLOGY STARTERS (14395776) 1.45 WORDS AND PICTURES (B) (14383931) 2.00 THE GREEDY-SAURUS GANG (f) (46693844) 2.05 SPIDER (r) (8) (46692115)

2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY featuring tennis action from the Guardian Direct Nationals (s) (685196)

3.55 NEWS (Ceelax) and weather (584(931) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (5) (844) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (6) (888) 5.00 ESTHER (8) (3912) 5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE (5) (580) 6.00 SLIDERS Sci-fi (545202)

6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (s) (331370) 7.00 TIMEWATCH: TANKS, WONDER WEAPON OF WORLD WAR ONE? (r) (Caefax)

7.45 ONE MAN AND HIS DOG The final, at Combernere (Ceetax) (s) (356047)



The dapper Stefan Buczacki (8.30pm)

# 8.30 STEFAN BUCZACKI'S GARDENING BRITAIN

(Ceetax) (s) (1931) 9.00 SHOOTING STARS Spoot guz with Vic Recves and Bob Mortimer (s) (2641) 9.30 RED DWARF VI So-fi comedy starring Craig Charles and Chris Barne (r) (Ceetan) (s) (79202)

10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Comedy 10.30 NEWSNIGHT with Peter Snow (Coefax)

11.15 THE A FORCE Black entertainment (s)

1.20mm-2.50 FILM: Le Cri Du Coeur (1994) The story of the son of an African immigrant living in Pans, staning Richard Bohmiger and Said Dianna. Directed by Idrissa: Ouedraago In French with English subtitles (5784264)

#### CHOICE Timewatch: Tanks - Wonder Weapon of World War One!

BBC2, 7.00pm (except Scotland) The question mark is crucial. Although despised by military leaders such as Kitchener and Ludendorff, tanks held out a realistic prospect of finally breaking the stalemate on the Western Front. For three years the opposing armies had become locked in a war of attrition, gaining or losing a few miles of territory and suffering dreadful casualties in the process. The tank was first used seriously in battle 80 years ago on the Somme. But, as this repeated Timewatch film shows, it offered no easy or immediate solution. The first tanks were slow and cumbersome. They got stuck in the rlanders much. Some even caught fire the Flanders much. Some even caught fire the until the final year of the war did they have much impact and by then the outcome of the conflict was probably decided. But it is an absorbing story, told here by Tank Corps survivors and archive film.

Channel 4, 8.00pm lan Wright, the chirpy Cockney who calls the world the weld, goes island hopping in the Mediterranean to launch a new series of the travel show for the backpacking classes. Corsica, Sardinla and Sicily are visited in rapid and breathless succession, and our cheery host gets to Stromboli just in time for the welcase to smoke and crit. Por the volcano to smoke and spit. Part conventional travelogue (in which religious festivals bulk large), part innocent-abroad routine and part laddish response to local fernininity, the programme offers an odd, if diverting, mixture. What it does not do is to provide practical advice or to give much in the way of costings. But Wright's unquenchable enthusiasm makes up for a lot and in any case package holidaymakers are amply catered for in other shows.

Stefan Buczacki's Gardening Britain BBC2, 8.30pm

It is curious that whenever the television cameras go to Cornwall, they get such dreary weather. And so it is in Falmouth, though the dapper Buczacki does his best to lift the gloom by sporting a natty bow tie, with a bright blue shirt and yellow waistooat. The formula for the series holds no surprises. Each week Buczacki is in a different part of Britain, visiting notable gardens and helping the locals to sort out their plant problems. The plant clinic is a sound idea, a sort of Gardeners' Question Time with pictures, though strangely enough radio does the job almost as well. Three gardens are a lot to cram into a short time, but all have their points of interest and one belongs to Jean remember as the emblematic model girl of

Faith in the Future TTV. 8.30pm

If it is putting too much weight on a lighthearted project to claim Faith in the Future as a feminist tract, the central characters are both women and the men tend to come out badly. Yet men are what Faith Lynda Bellingham) and daughter Hannal Julia Sawalha) both crave. Their idea of misery is having to spend Saturday evening at home together, watching the telly. The scripts, by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie, are, as usual, perceptive as well as amusing. Were this not a comedy, the pain of failed relationships would be acute. But perhaps the joke has become a little too repetitive. Maybe James Bolam, who played Faith's on-off lover in the show's earlier incarnation, could be persuaded back now and again to offer the variety of one strong male character.

6.00mm GMTV (1807405) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1426757) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2235554) 10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (8) (51405) 10.30 THIS MORNING (24237660) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext)

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3.20 NEWS (Septen) (4137573) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4136844)

3.30 JAYS WORLD (3646194) 3.40 THE ADVENTURES OF DAWDLE (3626370) 3.65 OSCAR AND FRIENDS (5844757) 4.00 SHUG AND COZI (8231979) 4.15 HURRICANES (5765641) 4.40 FUN HOUSE (4116680)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (8) (7421689) 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (195844) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (f) (Teletex) (s) (642738)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (800641) 7.00 CATCHPHRASE Hosted by Roy Walker (Teletext) (s) (2842) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Requel says an

emotional goodbys to the Street (Teletext) (283) 8.00 THE BILL: Finishing School Keene and Slater face their last day as probationers. Initiation ceremonies and an assessment



8.30 FAITH IN THE FUTURE: Wrong Moves Sitcom starring Lynda Bellingham and Julia Sawathe (Teletext) (s) (5757)

9.00 STAYING ALIVE (3/6) Drama series following the lives and loves of a group of student nurses in a London hos Kelly's career is threatened after surprise visitors call at the nurses' home (4738) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Telelext) (59950)

10.30 HTV WEST NEWS ( (935554) 10.40 THE LEVELS (1316825) 12.10am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS

(7885974)12.45 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (76326) 1.15 FUNNY BUSINESS (73239) 1.45 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE...LATE

2.45 BUSHELL ON THE BOX The tabloid TV critic shares his forthright opinions (52790)

3,15 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE (104784) 5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS (35516) 5.30 NEWS (57697)

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6.00 TFI FRIDAY Chris Evans Interviews Melvyn Bragg (s) (69825) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (935196) 7.55 THE SLOT (278757)



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8.30 BROOKSIDE What is the mystery that

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9.30 FRIENDS Phoebe's romantic liaison with her sometime boyfriend is interrupted guest appearances from Charlie Shean and Tom Selleck (Teletaxt) (s) (64370) 10.00 FRASIER Niles and Frasier take coposing sides in a court battle over the competency of an eccentric millionaire. Featuring a guest appearance by Donald O'Connor (Taletext) (s) (57592)

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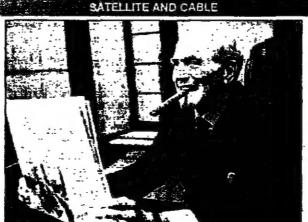
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# Recall for former stand-off half

# Wales invite Davies back into the fold

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

EIGHT years and a distinguished rugby league career have come and gone since Jonathan Davies last graced the red of the Wales rugby union team, but, yesterday, he was included in the squad from which the XV to play Australia at the National Stadium on December I will be

Some may consider that, at 34, the selectors are looking back rather than forward in giving Davies, the Cardiff stand-off half, a place among the 26 players, most of whom will surely go forward to the meeting with South Africa a formight later. However, if Australia can field David Knex. 33, at stand-off for his positive virtues in bringing out the talents of others, why should not Wales now that Davies commands a regular place in the Cardiff team?

Inclusion in the squad does not necessarily mean that Davies will add to his 27 caps, the last of them won in defeat against Romania in 1988. a month before he signed professional forms for Widnes. The cynical will suggest that his possible presence may put a few more thousand on the gate: the more technically minded may perceive him as a beneficial influence on the back division, particularly since Alan Lewis, the backs

coach, resigned last month. Davies will go to Dubai next Monday for the World Cup sevens qualifying tournament. where the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) hopes that his influence will have a good effect on some talented vourgeters. He also has coaching aspirations that will be encouraged by his present circumstances.

Yet there is no doubt that Davies yearns for a brief flirtation with international rugby union once more and he has spoken warmly of perhaps touring with the British Isles next summer — the one honour that eluded him during his earlier career with Neath.

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Llanelli and Wales. "There are three stand-offs in the squad. but I've got a chance of playing, which is more than if I were not in the squad," he

"I still think I have something to offer as a player. I felt all along that, if I was going to make an impression on my return, then I would have to be in the Welsh squad." That. initially, seemed unlikely when he joined Cardiff from Warrington a year ago only to find it hard to establish a place in the side: in addition, con-

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Indeed, it may be said that there is little point in having

Davies in the squad if he is not to play, but Bowring is acutely

aware of the new rule regard

ing the tactical use of substi-

tutes and a place among the

replacements for Davies may

be intended since he can cover

not only stand-off but centre

He is joined in the squad by

Colin Charvis, the uncapped

Swansea back-row forward,

whose form this season has

been outstanding, and Craig Quinnell, capped against Fiji last season. Quinnell moved to

Richmond during the sum-

mer, where he has been joined

from Wigan by his older brother. Scott. However, Scott

Quinnell remains in dispute

with the WRU over contracts

for players based outside

"I'm as much in the dark

regarding Scott as anyone," Terry Cobner, the WRU direc-

tor of rugby, said. "I have tried to get hold of Mike Burton

[Quinnell's agent] this week,

but without success. We have

explored every avenue that

WALES SOUAD: Backs: W Proctor (Lenell), J Thomas (Cardiff), I Evens (Lenell), D James (Bridgerd), G Thomas (Bridgerd), S Gibbs (Saerssas), L Davies (Cardif), N Jerkins (Pronypndd), A Thomas (Swarssa), J Davies (Cardif), R Howley (Cardif), P John (Pomypndd) Forwards: C Leeder (Swarssa), J Davies (Neath), D Young (Cardif), L Mustos (Cardif), J Humphreys (Cardiff), G Jankins (Swarssa), G Dewellyn Hariecurs), D Jones (Cardiff), C Duinnail (Richmond), H Taylor (Cardiff), C Duinnail (Richmond), H Taylor (Cardiff), C Mebster (Bath), K Jones (Ebbs Vise), C Chervis (Swarssa), S Williams (Noath).

seems available to us."

cerns over the health of his wife, Karen, has taken its toll. However, this season, Davies has settled into his stride as playmaker and points-

scorer for Cardiff. Only a rib injury suffered against Mun-ster in the Heineken Cup last month set him back, though he has recovered in time for the cup quarter-final against Bath in Cardiff tomorrow.

"It was slightly disappointing to see the rest of the rugby league boys coming home and getting into the squad when I was missing out," Davies said, referring to the introduction of Scott Gibbs. Richard Webster, David Young and Stuart Evans earlier this season. Gibbs



Davies: eight-year absence

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Hill's Ligier is taken away for repair after his 70mph accident at Suzuka yesterday; he was unhurt. Photograph: Eriko Sugita

# Hill catches cold after promising start

By OLIVER HOLT

DAMON HILL was speaking from Osaka, from a hotel built on a man-made island near the new airport where the packed earth is shifting almost as quickly as the fortunes of a Formula One driver. He was explaining what had gone wrong at Suzuka yesterday on the first day of the rest of his

professional life. It was not quite the return that he had been hoping for. His first visit to the circuit since he won the drivers' world championship there last month, his first time behind the wheel of a grand prix car since he leapt out of a Williams-Renault that day and rushed over to hug his wife, Georgie, had ended in an embarrassing premature

departure. The crash, that forced the abrupt cancellation of the second day of a test planned to familiarise him with the Bridgestone tyres that his new Arrows team will use next

season, left his car shattered but his sense of humour intact. "We had to stop because there was a small problem with the right-hand side of the car," he

said. "Basically, it was not there any more.' Hill, driving in a Ligier because he is too tall to fit in the 1996 Arrows, lost control as he tried to negotiate the hairpin at the Japanese circuit on cold tyres. He spun into a concrete wall at about 70mph and then rebounded across the track, with tyres and debris flying into the air, before the

car came to rest on a grassy run-off area. "With cold tyres on a cold track, there was very little grip and the car spun a long way," Hill said. "It hit the wall hard, which accounted for all the damage. It was a real shame because we were making such good progress." He was shaken but not hurt.

The Ligier, the only one that had been taken to the session. was too badly damaged to be repaired at the circuit so Hill,

36, checked out of his hotel and endured a four-hour journey to Osaka courtesy of an over-cautious taxi driver. He will fly home to Dublin today. He is not likely to drive again until the 1997 Arrows is unveiled some time in early



Hill: enthusiastic

then, been a startling performance by Hill. In the 30 laps that he managed before his accident, Hill wrestled the two-year-old car round the circuit more than a second and a half quicker than it had ever been before there. His fastest lap of Imin

gruous end to what had, until

40. Isec was only eight tenths of a second slower than the time that he set to qualify his Williams-Renault second on the grid for the Japanese Grand Prix last month. His time yesterday would have given him fourth place on the erid. It was the first indication that there may indeed be life after Williams for a driver whose reputation has hitherto been haunted by the excellence

of his equipment. "In spite of the accident, I really feel it was very worthwhile coming here to experience my first test with Bridge stone," Hill said. "If this short experience is anything to go by, I think it is going to be an extremely productive year.

The first problem about being in a new team is trying. to remember everybody's names, but I should ger on top of that soon. The thing I can say is that there is certainly added excitement to a chance of environment. I spent six years at Williams and 100 much familiarity can be a bad

There is a lot of enthusiasm? here and it felt very good to be back in the car again. It reminded me of why I do it; I got a real kick out of it. I am not under any illusions abou next year. It is going to be a while before we get where we want to be, but there is no question that, however sceptical you might be, you cannot argue with today's lap times. It was certainly very encouraging.

"I get a good feeling working with the team and talking to the team, and there is a lot of excitement about the up-coming season. I am really keen to see the new car when it comes out in January."

# England call in Botham as coach

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

bowling coach earlier this year by Raymond Illingworth, will assist the England cricketers on tour this winter. Botham. 40, will be in Zimbabwe and New Zealand as a summariser

David Lloyd, the England coach, approached him to work with the quicker bowlers, so that John Emburey, the assistant coach on tour, can spend more time with Phil Tufnell and Robert Croft, the spinners. Most of all, it is simply to get Botham involved with the national

As England's most successful bowler, with 376 Test wickets. Botham enjoyed the highest of profiles after his international debut in 1977. Since retiring from the game in 1993, he has retained his prominent public image on television, on stage and as an all-round hero. Privately, he has forged relationships within the England dressing room and Michael Atherton, the captain, is known to be a

supporter. When Lloyd talked of using Botham back in April. Illingworth, who was then the team manager, instructed him to get on with the job without any interference. Now that Illingworth has retired. Lloyd evidently feels that it is time to call on a man who will always be loved by cricket followers. Botham was the greatest English all-rounder in recent times, and probably the great-

Lloyd said: "I have wanted lan to be involved with us for some time. This winter we will

IAN BOTHAM, rebuffed as a Ian is very happy to be asked and the invitation has come from me. I have been mates with him for a long time and this is a personal arrangement.

With Emburey and Botham installed as coaches, and Lloyd in overall charge, England have a coaching set-up closer in age and interests to the players. There was a feeling that Peter Lever and John Edrich, who were appointed by Illingworth, were



Botham: new role

detached from the modern game.. That can hardly be a charged levelled at Botham. who last played Test cricket in 1992, or at Emburey, who played against West Indies last year.

England leave for their 14-week tour on November 25, and Botham is expected in Zimbabwe shortly before the first of two Tests against Zimbabwe either side of Christmas. England then play

# Collymore move remains on hold

BY RICHARD HOBSON AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE increasingly public saga of Stan Collymore's expected departure from Liverpool continued yesterday when Aston Villa dismissed reports that he would be unveiled as a £6 million signing today. Instead, Brian Little, the manager, will accompany Mark Bosnich, his goalkeeper, to a Football Association disciplinary hearing at Lancaster Gate to consider his Nazi-style gesture to Tottenham Hotspur supporters during a game last month.

Liverpool turned down a E4.5 million bid for Collymore from Villa earlier in the week, but Little is likely to increase his offer within the next seven days, by which time he wants to have completed the prolonged transfer of Savo Milosevic to Perugia, the Italian club. "It is difficult to comment publicly," Little said. "In situations like this, I would tend to go on the defensive and not talk about conversations with other managers."

Collymore, 25, has brought a stream of publicity to Liverpool since his £8.5 million move from Nottingham Forest in July last year.

Within the past ten days, he has been fined £20,000 for refusing to play for the reserves and prompted an internal club inquiry after allegedly making obscene gestures to the press box when he scored against Sheffield Wednesday reserves last Saturday. Though cleared, it was another example of the way that trouble follows Collymore, a talented but way-

ward striker. Evans said: "There are stories on a daily basis. If cerned first, not the press." It is not too difficult to interpret those words as a man paving the way for Collymore's

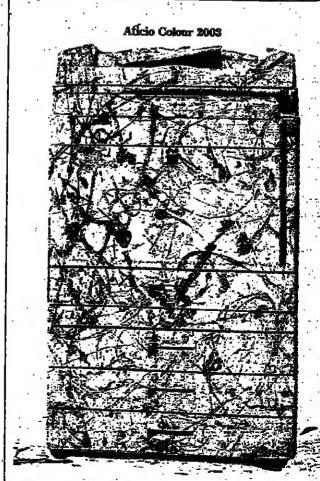
release While Little is becoming frustrated at the delay over Milosevic, he still believes that the clubs will eventually agree acceptable terms of payment of the £4.5 million fee.

Juninho, the Middles-brough forward, has promised to honour his contract at the FA Carling Premiership club. However, the future of Emerson, Middlesbrough's second remaining Brazilian, is still clouded. He has yet to reappear at the Riverside Stadium after returning home to Rio de Janeiro during the break in the Premiership programme.

Reports from Brazil suggest that Emerson is visiting a sick relative and that, anyway, he will not be flying back to Teesside because his wife, Andrea, cannot settle in the area. He moved to England during the summer from FC Porto for £4 million and signed a four-year deal.

"I'm told his auntie took ill and he's gone to see her," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said yesterday. "I don't know much more about what's happening. As soon as I do, I'll let you know." Middlesbrough have already ettisoned Branco, their third Brazilian, who was released last month.

Juninho, at least, has no desire to leave. "I have two more years to go and I want to stay," he said. "Although it is different for Emerson, beeause of his family problems,



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